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Speaking Personally

LESLIE VERNON

I HAVE often condemned in this magazine the obvious "anti-foreign" bias, football-wise of course, which has been apparent in certain sections of the popular British Press.

The last demonstration of this rather nauseating propaganda was the publicity surrounding the Estudiantes v. Manchester United matches. Since then, there has been a remarkable improvement, and several European visitors (including AC Milan) were welcomed with true hospitality by Press and public (who are influenced by what they read in their papers) alike.

Now there are disturbing signs that these odious crimes in print are also committed not only in South America but in Mexico as well. Several of my "neutral" friends who visited the scene of the next World Cup during the Olympic Games, told me that there is a very definite "anti-English" campaign conducted there in the local Press.

The South Americans still remember the '66 World Cup, and all the real and imaginary injustices inflicted on them. They are convinced that the FIFA hierarchy were determined that England should win the Jules Rimet trophy, and everything was "arranged" to this end. As regular readers know, we have pin-pointed many of the mistakes in organisation before, during and mainly after the event, but to talk about wholesale conspiracy is going much too far.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to convince a South American that he is mistaken in these allegations, and in any case, England has proved during the subsequent couple of years, beyond the shadow of doubt, that she has the best in the world!

According to my information, the Mexicans are determined that England will not repeat her victory in 1970, no matter who else wins! The Argentinians are even more intent to prevent another Ramsey triumph—by hook or by crook! And here are the opinions of two leading Brazilian players, the seasoned international Tostao, and the great "new discovery", Dirceu Lopes.

Tostao: "I am sure that the World Cup will be dominated by the South Americans, and either Brazil or Argentina will win. Out of the Europeans, Russia, Hungary and Italy could make an impact, but we will make quite sure that England will not get into the last four. In Mexico they will not be granted special favours!"

Dirceu: "We have as good a chance as anybody else. One thing is certain, England won't be prominent. They ruined our chances in '66, we can do as good a job here next time. The referees were all on their side, in Mexico it will be a different story!"

All this sounds rather sinister, and I fear that this despicable campaign will hot up even more, if steps are not taken immediately to stop it. The 1970 World Cup tournament is a competition which should not be related to any other, irrespective of what has or has not happened in '66. The next global confrontation should be conducted with absolute fairness to all concerned.

It is the FIFA Committee's sacred duty to the game to see to it that the draw will be scrupulously "straight", the venues properly assigned and the refereeing completely impartial. This South American madness should be stamped out now! They must be told that no demonstrations will be tolerated and that the referees will be selected from "non-involved" countries. Officials and players should be forbidden to make inflammatory statements to the Press (like those I have quoted above).

It should be impressed on the Mexican FA that as hosts they have equal obligations to *all* their guests. Football simply cannot afford another scandal, and with the TV cameras there, the whole world will be sitting in judgement. So let us have a clean, exciting tournament, and not a display of ancient grudges and prejudices.

I do hope that a European team will win, after all, Brazil was "allowed" to triumph in Sweden in 1958! Football must remain a noble sport and should not descend to the level of pro. boxing, where "you have to K.O. the hometown boy in order to get a draw!"

I read with considerable surprise about the proposed encounter between Swindon Town and the Italian League Cup winners. To the best of my knowledge there is no such competition in existence in Italy—even their FA Cup is played off in a desultory manner and ignored by the fans.

It has been stated some time ago that the Italians would like to establish some sort of a competition between their League clubs and some English and Scottish teams.

Dr. Aldo Stacchi, president of the Italian FA, said: "We would like to give our public a wider experience of foreign teams, and our clubs more revenue. We have reduced our First Division to 16 teams. This means more space for the international programme. The structure of our game must be changed. Our clubs will be modelled on the English system. We are attempting to put an end to the era of the *presidente*, the millionaire who dominates the clubs and buys players for astronomical prices, not always wisely."

These are admirable sentiments and I am sure a change of "atmosphere" would do the world of good to the Italian game. But I am firmly against any more international competitions. We have just about enough "contacts" at the moment, and with the re-organised European Championship, the national teams are also occupied in meaningful competitive games.

The Italian public would not show any enthusiasm for these matches anyway, and if I know the Italian players, they would not put themselves out either. They do not relish the "British-type" tackling, and one must remember that every time a player like Rivera goes on the pitch, he takes about £400,000 worth of "equipment" with him. Can one imagine Sandro Mazzola travelling to Swindon to play his heart out against the English League Cup winners?

No, Signor Stacchi, it is a bad idea, let us forget it quickly.

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Van Puymbroeck (Beerschot)—the player on the left in white tries to evade a tackle from Daring's Bauweraerts during a Belgian League match. (O)

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COMMENT

FEW WORLD SOCCER innovations have produced such swift commendation as our recent introduction of two new features entitled DATELINE DIARY and SOCCERTISTICS.

Just to quote from one or two of the numerous letters we have received, Mr. B. D. Papworth of Greenock, Renfrewshire says: "Soccertistics provides a very necessary service and I feel compelled to write and congratulate you on your new feature."

In similar vein Mr. J. W. Stevenson of Eastwood, Nottingham adds: "I am sure that I speak for thousands of other readers when I say that this will be a most welcome feature."

by THE EDITOR

DATELINE DIARY also comes in for its share of praise as in the letter from A. Brown of Colchester, Essex. He summaries the basic theme of other correspondents by saying: "This diary will prove invaluable as a reference to the game."

Having produced what appears to be two eagerly awaited features to WORLD SOCCER we have no intention of resting on our laurels. In fact, spurred on by the response we have received from readers it is our aim to probe into further experiments both in words and pictures in the next few issues in our constant bid to improve presentation of the international soccer magazine WORLD SOCCER.

As well as letters of approval of these items, there have been helpful suggestions from readers towards improving WORLD SOCCER even further.

Mr. J. A. Ellis of Oadby, Leicestershire writes: "How about printing the badges and colours of foreign clubs and international teams . . . club addresses, etc. . . . past league tables, league and cup results . . .?"

Taking the second and third points, much of this information has appeared in various issues when specific clubs and countries have been dealt with and will again be featured in future, but we might well be able to incorporate badges in articles on clubs and countries.

Needless to say we welcome any suggestions from readers who can always be assured of a sympathetic hearing.

World Soccer's DATELINE DIARY

MARCH 12

ATHENS: Spartak Trnava of Czechoslovakia won through to the semi-final of the European Cup by drawing 1-1 with AEK Athens here today. Spartak won the first leg and qualified for the last four on a 3-2 aggregate. A crowd of 40,000 saw centre-forward Valer Svec head Spartak into a 21st-minute lead. Inside-left Papaioannou equalised for the Greeks in the 77th minute.

LONDON: England at last scored some of the goals that have been eluding the World Champions in recent internationals with a 5-0 victory over a poor French team. A crowd of 85,000 watched happily as Geoff Hurst led the way with three goals, two from the penalty spot. Other goals came from Francis Lee and Mike O'Grady. Leeds United full-back Terry Cooper made his international début.

MARCH 13

BAHRAIN: A Royal Air Force unit stationed at Sharjah on the Trucial Coast today laid claim to the title of World Champions at non-stop soccer. In a match lasting nine hours and played strictly to recognised football laws, they beat the 222 Squadron Arm Signals by 56 goals to 18. The title was previously claimed by the RAF unit at Salalah (Muscat and Oman State) who won a match lasting 6½ hours.

MADRID: The Spanish Football Federation has appointed the managers of Real Madrid, Las Palmas and Barcelona—the three leading clubs in the current league championship—as an emergency squad to act as trainer-selectors of the national team. The appointment was announced today following the resignation of Dr. Eduardo Toba as national trainer-selector. He was the third man to resign the job since Spain were eliminated in the early stages of the 1966 World Cup finals in England. Dr. Toba gave up the job after fierce criticism because of Spain's elimination last month, by Belgium, from the qualifying rounds of the 1970 World Cup. Real Madrid manager Miguel Munoz, Las Palmas manager Luis Molowny and Barcelona manager Salvador Artigas will be responsible for the national team until the present season ends on June 30.

LONDON: England centre-forward Geoff Hurst created something of a record when he netted two penalties for his club, West Ham, in their 5-2 defeat of Coventry in a First Division match today. Hurst scored two penalties for England last Wednesday—and so made his total four from the spot in only 48 hours.

MARCH 14

ZURICH: A leading West German coach said in a report published today that it was almost impossible to be a top-class athlete and a true amateur at the same time. Coach Dettmar Cramer, in a report on the Mexico Olympic Football Tournament, said: "Amateurism can no longer be the base of fruitful discussions, but the rules and regulations must be adapted to modern circumstances." He added: "To be an athlete of international top-class today and at the same time a true amateur is almost impossible." The report was published by the International Football Federation which stated that Cramer's views did not necessarily reflect those of FIFA.

The report said the FIFA Amateur Committee will probably propose to the Federation's Congress in 1970 that players who have taken part in the World Cup tournament may not compete at future Olympic football tournaments. Mr. Cramer said the committee might propose to organise the Olympic tournament with players under 21 who could be trained under genuine amateur rules. A FIFA spokesman said no decision had yet been taken on these proposals and they would be discussed when the committee meets in Amsterdam in May.

MARCH 15

LONDON: Swindon Town, from the English Third Division, caused a major upset by defeating First Division Arsenal in the Final of the Football League Cup. The teams were level, 1-1, after 90 minutes, Smart scoring for Swindon and Gould for Arsenal. But two goals from Rogers clinched the tie for Swindon. A crowd of 100,000 paid a record £104,000 to see the Final at Wembley.

BUDAPEST: Ujpest Dozsa beat Dunaujvaros 3-1 in a Hungarian league match today. Forwards Laszlo Fazekas, Janos Goeroecs and Ferenc Bene all turned out despite suffering from bad colds but played noticeably below form. The Ujpest team beat lowly placed Dunaujvaros after being a goal down after 29 minutes. Solymosi equalised with a penalty and Goeroecs netted two in the second half.

MARCH 16

LISBON: Vitoria Setubal, beaten 5-1 by Newcastle United in the first leg of their Inter-Cities Fairs Cup quarter-final match last Wednesday, drew 1-1 away to Varzim in a Portuguese First Division match today.

CONSTANTINE (Algeria): At least three people were killed and more than 20 injured today when a huge concrete slab fell on a football crowd at the Guelma Stadium. The slab was part of the roof of one of the grandstands.

CAGLIARI: Giuliano Taccola, top scorer for Italian First Division club Roma this season, died suddenly here today. The 25-year-old winger, who had scored seven goals this season, complained of pains in his throat while watching as a reserve his side's 0-0 away draw with third-placed Cagliari. He died in an ambulance that was rushing him to hospital. Doctors said that the cause of his death was not yet known. Taccola, born at Uliveto Term, near Pisa, began his career in Genoa. He joined Roma at the beginning of the 1967/8 season and became a leading goalscorer. He was married with two children.

PALERMO: A police helicopter landed on the Palermo soccer pitch today and rescued the referee and linesmen as 5,000 angry fans besieged the stadium. Fans threw bottles and stones on to the pitch after Palermo had lost 3-2 to Napoli, the winning goal coming from a controversial incident during the closing stages.

Four policemen and at least five fans were treated in hospital for cuts and bruises.

STEVENAGE (England): Six members of France's World Cup team still in the national side pictured in training before their match against England. They are: Jean Djorkaeff, Bernard Bosquier, Jackie Simon, Josef Bonnel, Yves Herbet and Georges Carnus. (UPI)

Police drove the rioting crowd outside the stadium but about 100 broke through and tried unsuccessfully to prevent the match officials leaving by helicopter. The Napoli team was taken away in a heavily-protected police truck, which had to force its way through a hail of rocks, bottles and fruit.

Scores of Palermo supporters broke through barriers to invade the pitch, claiming that Naples left-back Romano Micelli was offside when he scored the winning goal in the 76th minute. After the game about 5,000 of the 25,000 crowd tried to invade the Napoli dressing-room but were driven back by police charges.

They were forced out of the stadium but remained at the gates where the referee, Signor Sbardella, was due to leave. Shouting in anger when they saw the police helicopter coming in to land for the rescue operation, about 100 fans broke through a gate and raced back into the stadium, smashing windows and tearing down protective barriers.

But they were too late to stop the helicopter taking off. Signor Sbardella and the linesmen, one of whom had been hit by a flying bottle after Naples scored their last goal, were whisked off to the local airport. A group of fans waited behind to try and catch the Napoli team as they left the stadium. But a police truck, its windows protected by heavy grating, took the team away through a side exit as Palermo fans hurled more rocks, bottles and fruit that failed to hit their target.

A convoy of police vehicles, sirens wailing, escorted the Napoli players to the airport. The incidents were the latest in a run of violence that has turned Italian football pitches into virtual battlegrounds. One player nearly went blind after being hit by a coin hurled from the stands, another was knocked out by a snowball. At a recent First Division match between Roma and Napoli, police confiscated 43 kilograms (about 100 lb.) of firecrackers and 12 flare pistols from the crowd.

MARCH 18

SHEFFIELD: Jack Marshall, 51, today resigned his position as team manager of Sheffield Wednesday, English first division club. He had been told that his contract was not to be renewed when it expired at the end of June.

MARCH 19

BUDAPEST: Leeds United, reduced to pale shadows by the influenza bug, staggered out of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup here tonight when a 2-0 defeat by Ujpest Dozsa left them trailing 3-0 on aggregate. With Jackie Charlton, Paul Reaney and Mike O'Grady struck down by 'flu before the team left England and five other players showing ominous symptoms before the match, Leeds had little hope of turning their 1-0 first leg defeat into overall victory in this quarter-final tie.

Manager Don Revie said after the match: "I am proud of my team tonight. We are sorry to be out of the Cup because we do not like being knocked out of anything." Revie said that several of his team ran out of steam in the closing stages, probably drained of strength by the 'flu.

Cup winners last year and finalists in 1967, Leeds had chances before Ujpest scored—notably an attempted diving header by Mick Jones and a fierce shot by Johnny Giles. But the Hungarians made the decisive breakthrough in the 63rd minute when Paul Madeley pulled down Dene and Solymosi netted from the resulting penalty. Ujpest put the finishing touches to their victory when the brilliant Bene burst through the Leeds defence in the 75th minute and scored from close range.

Billy Bremner was booed by the 40,000 crowd and spoken to by the referee, H. Siebert (West Germany), after two fierce second-half tackles and a bottle was thrown on to the pitch to signify the general disapproval of Leeds' rough tactics. Revie ordered his players to bed straight after the match.

MEXICO CITY: The Mexican national soccer squad will play seven countries during a tour of Europe in April and May. The countries are: Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The first match will be against Portugal in Lisbon on April 6, the Mexican Football Federation announced today.

MANCHESTER: European Cup holders Manchester United achieved their biggest victory of the season today with an 8-1 win over relegation certainties Queen's Park Rangers. Willie Morgan scored his first league goal for the club and went on to complete a hat-trick. Absent from the scorers: Denis Law.

GLASGOW: Glasgow Rangers swamped Atletico Bilbao of Spain 4-1 in their first leg, quarter-final tie of the Fairs Cup. Rangers were 2-0 ahead at the interval in front of a 60,000 crowd. Ferguson, Penman, Persson and Stein netted for Rangers; Clemente for Bilbao.

CHESTER: Two goals from Toshack gave Cardiff City a 2-0 win over Chester in the Welsh Cup before an 8,404 crowd.

DATELINE DIARY, a new monthly feature, brings you day by day soccer news from the world over. Each day's major events in the world of association football are recorded and published in our exclusive DATELINE DIARY.

MARCH 20

LONDON: West Ham manager Ron Greenwood was today cleared of charges that he made certain remarks in the dressing room after a South-East Counties match between West Ham and Millwall on February 15. After a personal hearing, the FA announced: "The committee is satisfied that the referee acted within his rights in reporting the matter to the FA. The committee is, however, satisfied that Mr. Greenwood's action did not bring the game into disrepute and has accepted his explanation."

MARCH 21

BRUSSELS: The draw for the semi-finals of the European Cup was made here today: Ajax Amsterdam (Holland) versus Spartak Trnava (Czechoslovakia); AC Milan (Italy) versus Manchester United (England). The draw for the semi-finals was also made here today: FC Cologne

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WEMBLEY: Dejected Arsenal players, particularly Frank McLintock (far right) after their League Cup defeat against Swindon Town. (LPA)

(West Germany) versus Barcelona (Spain): Dunfermline Athletic (Scotland) versus Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia). The semi-finals in both competitions must be decided by May 6.

MARCH 23

ROME: Goal-hungry Italian soccer fans received precious little to appease their appetites today—four of the eight first division games ended in goalless draws.

MILAN: Left-winger Pierino Prati hit a brilliant hat-trick as AC Milan—Manchester United's European Cup semi-final opponents—crushed Bologna 4-0 in an Italian league match here today. Prati's hat-trick came in a 20-minute spell and schemer Gianni Rivera had a hand in all three goals. AC Milan, lying second in the Italian first division, produced one of their best displays of the season, despite the absence of full-back Karl Schnellinger and centre-forward Angelo Sormani, who were both injured.

Wyn Davies scored for Newcastle against Vitoria Setubal in Portugal. (W1)

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MARCH 24

PARIS: The French First and Second Divisions will be disbanded at the end of this season to be replaced by a 28 or 32 First Division split into two regional pools, the French Football Federation announced here today. A new Second Division of three 14-club regional pools will also be created, taking in the seven or nine teams in the present Second Division who will be excluded from the new top grouping and the leading amateur sides.

The other amateur sides will play in six 12-clubs pools. The Federation plan, drawn up at a meeting of the Federal Council on Saturday, has to be ratified by an extraordinary meeting of the Federation in May. The new formula, which will last for a minimum of one season but for no more than two, is the result of months of arguing and bargaining as the Federation tried to hammer out the best way to reform the game here and to improve drastically fallen standards and support.

The crisis, brought to a head last November by the defeat of the national side at the hands of amateur Norway, sparked off cries for reform which swept the country, followed by two threatened strikes by professional players. The sports daily *L'Equipe* commented this morning that such a plan would be an "abortion" of which the Federation Council members themselves appeared to be ashamed.

PARIS: Negotiations to form a Paris Football Club are nearing completion and the club may be expected to play in the new First Division next season, the French Football Federation announced today. A poll conducted on whether a club should be formed had received 61,217 favourable replies. More than 45,000 of them were from the Paris region. Over a third of the people who replied thought the new club would be called the Football Club de Paris.

MARCH 25

WAREGEM (Belgium): England's Under-21 team tonight qualified for the finals of the UEFA Youth tournament in Leipzig next May thanks to two own-goals by their Belgian opponents. England, who beat Belgium 1-0 in the first leg at West Ham on March 12, were more dangerous throughout. Belgian full-back Ernotte put England one up in the 50th minute when goalkeeper Andrien failed to gather his back pass. Fellow full-back Woumans made it 2-0 13 minutes later when a long back pass to the goalkeeper shot into the net just under the crossbar.

MARCH 26

MEXICO CITY: Soccer enthusiasts wanting tickets for the 1970 World Cup will have to prove they have accommodation in Mexico before they are issued to them. This was announced here by Guillermo Canedo, President of the Cup Organising Committee. He said 30,000 tickets would be available to fans outside Mexico. In Mexico City, where the semi-finals and final will be staged, 40 per cent of all tickets would be sold locally. In the provincial group centres of Guadalajara, Leon, Toluca and Puebla, where some of the qualifying matches will be played, 60 per cent of the tickets would be sold on the spot. The elimination rounds and finals will be played between May 31 and June 21. Camedo said tickets would go on sale on May 1 this year.

FRANKFURT: A last-minute goal robbed Wales of a shock victory over World Cup runners-up West Germany in a friendly international here tonight. The game finished 1-1 after Gerd Mueller fired a face-saving equaliser in the dying seconds. Barrie Jones put Wales into the lead in the 34th minute. A long free-kick from Terry Hennessey was headed down by centre-forward Ron Davies and the Cardiff City winger hooked the ball into the net. In front of a 40,000 crowd, the Germans attacked almost non-stop in the closing minutes and with the very last kick of the match centre-forward Mueller finally broke through to crash in a high centre.

Former Scottish international Willy Waddell, who watched the match, told reporters afterwards he thought West Germany's goal should not have been allowed. He said the ball had crossed the line before Held headed it back into the goalmouth for Mueller's crucial shot. Welsh team manager Dave Bowen said: "I shall not say what I think about that last-second equaliser. The referee saw the goal as being in order."

A slow motion television recording of the controversial goal showed Held, with his right foot on the line and his left outside, head the ball to Mueller. After jumping to head the ball he fell back with both feet beyond the line. The angle of the camera shot did not show whether the ball was over the line when he headed it.

THE HAGUE: Holland beat Luxembourg 4-0 in a Group VIII World Cup qualifying match here tonight after leading 2-0 at half-time. Goalscorers: Cruyff (25th minute), Van Dijk (30th), Pahlplatz (86th and 89th). Attendance: 45,000.

VALENCIA: A goal in the 25th minute by centre-forward Bustillo gave Spain a 1-0 win over Switzerland in a friendly soccer international here tonight. Half-time score: 1-0. Attendance: 13,000.

LISBON: Newcastle United qualified for the semi-finals of the Fairs Cup despite being beaten 3-1 by Portugal's Vitoria Setubal here tonight. Newcastle won the first leg 5-1. At half-time the score was 1-1. Scorers: Arcanjo, Petita, Figueredo (Setubal), Wyn Davies (Newcastle). Attendance: 35,000.

BRESCIA: Italy snatched a goal two minutes from time to beat Northern Ireland 2-1 in a friendly Under-23 international here tonight. Inside-right Roberto Vieri got the vital goal after a close game. The Irish side matched their opponents—all from the tough Italian First Division—in skill and endurance. Tom O'Doherty laid on Ireland's goal in the 11th minute, passing out to Ray Gaston, whose shot beat Superchi and bounced out. Brendan Mullan following up intelligently had no trouble in scoring. But the Irish jubilation lasted one minute, Alberto Reif scoring.

NANTES: Hungary beat the French First Division side Nantes 3-0 in a friendly

soccer match here tonight after leading 2-0 at half-time.

GLASGOW: A much changed Football League team beat a much changed Scottish League team 3-1 here tonight. Goals from Casper, Ball and Tambling clinched victory after Wallace had scored for the Scottish League. Crowd: 23,582. Half-time: 1-1.

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MARCH 28

ZURICH: The draw for the semi-finals of the Fairs Cup was made here today: Newcastle United (England) versus Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) or Atletico Bilbao (Spain); Goeztepe Izmir (Turkey) versus Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary).

MARCH 29

EAST BERLIN: Two opportunist goals by inside-forward Luigi Riva enabled Italy to snatch a 2-2 draw against East Germany after twice being behind in a tense Group III World Cup qualifying match here today. Italy, who had beaten Wales 1-0 in their other group match, were the more impressive in attack but their defence was constantly troubled by the big East German forwards.

It was the powerful Vogel who shot East Germany into a 27th-minute lead when he put the finishing touch to a centre from outside-right Bewe. Italy did not manage to get back on level terms until after the interval, Riva snapping up a 55th-minute equaliser following a defensive slip.

Italian goalkeeper Zoff presented East Germany with their second goal 20 minutes later when he failed to hold a long speculative shot from defender Fraesdorf and Kreische tapped the ball into the open net. Then, with seven minutes to go, Riva's goal-stealing genius silenced the 59,000 crowd when he timed his run perfectly to slam home a centre from the right.

MARCH 30

MADRID: Real Madrid, unbeaten in 27 league matches this season, clinched the Spanish championship with a 2-0 home win over Real Saragossa here today. Real have now won the championship for three successive seasons, and this year's unbeaten run sets up a new record for invincibility in Spanish soccer.

Real's victory tonight was easy for the champions. Centre-forward Ramon Grosso scored in the 19th minute and inside-forward Manuel Velazquez made it 2-0 in the 49th minute.

BILBAO: Atletico Bilbao, who meet Glasgow Rangers in the second leg of their Fairs Cup quarter-final here on Wednesday, were beaten 2-0 by Atletico Madrid in a Spanish First Division game here today.

APRIL 2

COLOGNE: FC Cologne and FC Barcelona drew 2-2 in their European Cup Winners Cup semi-final first leg tie here today. The half-time score was 1-1. Loehr and Ruehl scored for Cologne; Zabalza and Fuste for Barcelona. Attendance: 45,000.

AMSTERDAM: Ajax Amsterdam, who meet Spartak Trnava in the semi-finals of the European Cup, showed the power of their challenge when they beat Gvav Groningen 6-0 in a Dutch First Division match tonight. Scoring stars Cruyff (3) and Danielsson (2) were the chief marksmen. Muhren scored the other Ajax goal. But Ajax still trail league leaders Feijenoord by four points.

ISTANBUL: The Rumanian national soccer squad, preparing for their April 16 World Cup qualifying match with Greece, lost 2-1 to Turkish champions Fenerbahce in a friendly match here tonight. Dumitrache put Rumania ahead in the 25th minute, but five minutes later he left the field because of injury and was replaced by Dobrin. Fual equalised for Fenerbahce in the 36th minute and Yasar netted the winner in the 82nd minute.

BILBAO: Glasgow Rangers qualified for the semi-finals of the Fairs Cup after scraping to a 4-3 aggregate victory over Atletico Bilbao in the second leg of their quarter-final here tonight. Rangers, almost overwhelmed by the rampaging Bilbao forwards, lost tonight's match 0-2, but won through to the semi-finals on the strength of last month's 4-1 victory in the first leg. Bilbao, cheered by 30,000 fans, led 1-0 at half-time. Estefano netted the first in the 14th minute and Ibanez the second in the 53rd minute.

PARIS: The French national team, crushed 5-0 by England last month, ended a depressing run of defeats by beating Spanish champions Real Madrid 5-3 in an international friendly here tonight. Centre-forward Herve Revelli was the French shooting star, scoring three goals. Francisco Gento, playing his 802nd game for Real, scored twice.

ROME: AC Milan were knocked out of the Italian Cup tonight by Torino, who won 1-0 to gain a 2-0 aggregate victory in their two-leg quarter-final tie.

APRIL 3

CANNES: An Israeli national XI beat Chelsea juniors 1-0 in the International Junior Football Tournament here today. In another match, a French national team was held to a goalless draw by Inter Milan, but were awarded the points on the basis of earning more corners.

APRIL 4

CANNES: Barcelona juniors drew 1-1 with Cannes here today but lost the game on corners (2-4). This defeat relegated them to fourth place in the club pool of the IJFT in which four clubs and four national sides are competing. Rumania juniors drew 1-1 with a Soviet national side and were also level on corners (5-5). But the Rumanians went through to the final because of their lower average age.

Brendan Mullan of Fulham, scorer of the Northern Ireland Under 23 team's goal against Italy. (Wardle)

APRIL 5

CANNES: France drew 0-0 with Israel in the semi-final of the IJFT here but were awarded the match on corners (7-0). In another game, Inter Milan beat Chelsea 2-0. Chelsea, fielding a younger team than in past years (they have won the tournament three times) impressed the Cannes crowd with their technical skill, but they lacked the experience and power of the Italian side. Goalkeeper John Dove, outside-right Ken Hallyday and John Craig caught the eye particularly.

ROUBAIX: Sporting Lisbon and Leeds United drew 0-0 in a youth match before a 1,000 crowd here today.

APRIL 6

ROME: AC Milan lost 3-1 to Cagliari in an Italian First Division match today.

ELCHE: Spanish champions Real Madrid tonight lost their unbeaten record in this season's league competition with a 0-1 defeat by tenth-placed Elche, after a record-breaking run of 27 matches without defeat. For Real, battling to finish the 30-match programme undefeated, it was a sad blow when a bad error by full-back De Felipe sent the ball into his own net as he tried to clear a dangerous Elche attack in the 46th minute.

LISBON: Mexico, host nation in next year's World Cup finals, opened their seven-match European tour by drawing 0-0 with a below-strength Portuguese team here today. Portugal were without star forwards Eusebio and Jose Torres, who are in South America with Benfica. But they still had most of the play, and only weak finishing prevented them scoring.

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Twenty years ago this May the Italian Club AC Torino lost its complete professional squad in an air crash. In England we still recall only too easily Munich 1958. The regrets over the premature death of Edwards, Taylor, Byrne, Whelan, and their team-mates remain. Manchester United have recovered—but as yet Torino have still to show a return to their former eminence.

Heroes died, Torino perished on the Superga

Story by KEIR RADNEDGE

THEY say you're never alone when you're famous. Certainly footballers who can become national idols overnight, must find it so. The stars of the greatest Italian club in the record books found it so. Wherever they went they would be surrounded by crowds of admirers. And not crowds of autograph hunters, who would disperse once they had obtained the prized signatures. No, these were crowds of awed men, women and children, who were content just to watch every action of their heroes—eating, drinking, or talking.

As I will explain more fully later on, every so often this disconcerting experience, or over-exposure to a worshipping public, used to go to the players' heads.

The club was called AC Torino. It had been founded in 1906, had been a member of the country's first national league in 1929-30, and had never been relegated. It had won the Italian cup in 1936 and 1943. It had won the last Italian championship before Italy entered the Second World War (1942-3), and then when peace returned had retained the championship. Had retained it through storms of bad publicity, adulation, and even slack form, in 1945-6, 1946-7, and 1947-8.

Now, with six matches only left to be played in season 1948-9, and six points clear of their nearest rivals, it seemed that the Torino club had retained the championship yet again.

The date was May 3, 1949. The city was Lisbon. The occasion, the testimonial match for the veteran Portuguese star Francisco Ferreira. He had seen a number of the Torino stars when Italy had played Portugal at Genoa earlier that season, and so when he had been asked which club he would like to meet Benfica in his benefit match, he replied simply: "I would dearly love to play against Torino, just once."

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The Benfica directors had contacted Ferruccio Novo, the president of Torino, and so this match had been arranged for May 3. It took place in the Portuguese national stadium. Business commitments kept Novo in Turin.

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Benfica had a good side, and were in fact on their way to winning the Portuguese cup that season, when they played this testimonial. Apart from inside-forward Ferreira they had two other very experienced internationals in wing-half Moreira, and inside-forward Rogerio. So, although this was officially a friendly game, Torino were taking no chances. All 18 members of the professional first team *squadra* flew to Lisbon. The match was excellent, and Torino, rather undeservedly on the run of play, lost it by four goals to three.

Torino were in no way seriously concerned about being defeated. Skipper Valentino Mazzola was the first to congratulate Ferreira at the end of the game. The banquet after the match also took place in a very cordial atmosphere. Goodwill flowed free. And why not indeed? Torino were almost certain of the Italian championship. What was there to worry about?

REPLACED

Nothing immediate. But Hungarian coach Egri Erbstein, and his English assistant, Les Lievesley, had their eyes cast further ahead. Towards the future. They knew that this Torino was possibly past its peak. The key men were reaching the veteran stage. They would have to be replaced. But replaced in such a way that the fantastic run of success could be maintained. It was a near-impossible assignment.

Erbstein was probably brooding on the subject when the converted Fiat 212 transport plane left Lisbon at 9.40 a.m. on May 4, with 32 persons aboard, taking Torino back to Turin, the players back to their homes, back to the weary and tiring business of sealing another championship success. This championship was already probably in Torino's lap. But glancing around at the players sitting in the aircraft, Erbstein must have known that the next season the championship would present many problems. His present stars, who had even served the club both sides of a war, were almost spent as super-footballers.

TELEPATHIC

Take Valentino Mazzola, the skipper, for instance. The inside-left, the guiding genius of the team. There was no-one to touch Mazzola when he really felt like playing. His flair, his zest, his technical brilliance, his sure shooting, his absolutely telepathic positional sense, allied to his marvellous understanding of his team—all these gifts made Mazzola a player on his own.

When he waved his magic wand, the Torino football was lit with fire, carried on the wings of the crowd, and the team scored goals and more goals. When Mazzola played for Torino there seemed absolutely no answer to his genius.

Actually though, he was not a local. He had been born near Milan, at Cassano d'Adda, and he played for the local team, then Tresoldi, then the Alfa Romeo club, who were but a junior club affiliated to the great Milan club. But after two years at Alfa Romeo, Mazzola became fed up. He offered his services to Milan's rivals, Ambrosiana-Inter, was nearly transferred to Bari, and finally landed up in Venice, with Venezia. Here he won a regular first-team place, and also his first international cap—against Croatia, in the spring of 1942. That summer he was transferred to Torino. His career had been a mere succession of successes ever since.

But now he was 30 years old. He was slowing down. How much longer could he continue to inspire Torino, as in the past? Now, when Torino found it easy to dominate an opponent, Mazzola was content to take a rest, and perhaps hang upfield, goal-poaching. His age might not have been so important if there had been young players all around him to transport the ball for him. But his colleagues were also seasoned players.

One-time Juventus centre-forward Guglielmo Gabetto, possessor of the most lethal overhead scissors-kick shot in European soccer, was still popping the goals in, but he was 33. And the third outstanding star, inside-right Ezio Loik, who joined Torino from Venezia along with Mazzola, was also the same age as Mazzola. Loik was especially important in his own right since he was the mid-field slave of the forward line. These three players, along with irrepressible right-winger Romeo Menti (aged 30) were the men who counted in the Torino set-up. These were the men who set up the attacks, and scored most of the goals—the irreplaceables.

Yes, there were other stars—in fact almost every player was a star. The goalkeeper was Valerio Bacigalupo, a football prodigy, at 25 perhaps the best

'keeper in Europe. Aldo Ballarin, a 27-year-old, wiry right-back. Mario Rigamonti was the tall 26-year-old stopper; he only ever played three times for his country because of the dominance of Juventus star Carlo Parola.

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At left-back was 23-year-old Virgilio Maroso, already acknowledged as the greatest defender of his generation, and one of the best in the whole history of Italian soccer. There was indeed plenty of great football left in these, all internationals, as well as in young reserves like custodian Dino Ballarin (22, Aldo's brother), full-back Pietro Operto (also 22), and half-back Rubens Fadini, at 21 the baby of the Torino *squadra*.

In midfield the 27-year-old Eusebio Castigliano was at the height of his powers. And if the subtle and expert Giuseppe Grezar, another international, aged 30, was temporarily in eclipse, Torino had found a tremendous replacement in a 25-year-old who performed like a languid hurricane—Danilo Martelli, from Brescia. Yes, no worries in that department for a couple of years, either.

But now we come back to the attack. And the trouble with the attack was that it had refused to lie down and die quietly .The genius was still there. Erbstein would be throwing away his job if he deliberately excluded Loik or Mazzola to try out the dangerous 26-year-old Hungarian-born Czech international Gyula Subert.

CONVINCE

Subert had actually played in Torino's last league match, but that had only been because Mazzola was unfit. Erbstein was well aware that Subert would have preferred a regular place. It was sometimes a difficult job to pacify him, convince him that his chance would come soon enough. Anyway, he had been with Torino only nine months.

The trouble was that Subert had probably been too much influenced by another newcomer. This was the lean and handsome 28-year-old French international Emile Bongiorni, signed from Racing Club de Paris, also last summer. Erbstein thought that Bongiorni, given a chance, would be a hit in the Italian league. He was strong, determined, with a very nice way of moving into the right positions almost automatically. But how could Erbstein leave out Gabetto? He had tried to make the situation clear to Bongiorni, ask him to be patient, he would soon be the regular centre-forward. Now it seemed he had just been in touch with the other Parisian club, Stade Francais. They might even apply for his transfer, come the end of the season.

At least Roger Grava, another newcomer, from France's Roubaix, though he had been born in Udine (Italy), seemed quite content. He was 27, an occasional centre-forward, but generally accepted as a left-winger. He was just waiting for the chance to oust the 27-year-old ambipiedie Franco Ossola, on the Torino left flank.

Erbstein wondered now, probably, how much these foreign signings had helped. He considered that they might have even created more discontent than just the desired atmosphere of healthy competition that Erbstein wanted. A team like this, balanced on such a pinnacle, could be easily disturbed. Adverse publicity often succeeded in goading the team to new peaks of footballing greatness. But it was usually the good publicity that caused the damage. Erbstein remembered a couple of seasons back, when Inter had crushed a cocky Torino 6-2.

All these congratulations, bouquets, lavish praise—several times in the past few years these had all gone to the players' heads. Had led inevitably to heavy defeat. The defeats had always had a good effect, though. They had reminded the players that when all was said and done they were only human beings—not supermen. They could fall into the snares of flattery as easily, perhaps easier, than anyone else; simply because they received so much praise they couldn't escape complacency, and defeat.

Torino's history has been one tinged with misfortune at times but they had a great effort in the 1964-65 Cup Winners Cup when they reached the semi-finals of the competition before losing to 1860 Munich after a play-off. In this last match in Zurich they were beaten 2-0. Our picture shows the late Meroni (right) in action with Pula and the German centre-forward Brunnenmeier. (O)

Without a doubt the team had been spoiled. But because it was vulnerable it had succeeded in winning the hearts, and the undying affection, of all those thousands of people from one end of the Peninsula to the other. Because Torino always came back stronger and refreshed. Because the forwards were for ever proving that they weren't over the hill. They were Italian football's dearest possessions. Gems individually, with the added sheen which ten of them—Bacigalupo, Ballarin, Rigamonti, Maroso, Grezar, Castigliano, Menti, Loik, Gabetto, Mazzola (he above all) —had gained because they had swopped the red jersey of Torino, for the blue colours of the Italian national team.

They had worn the national jersey with pride, were all fighting to establish themselves in the team, because next year, in the summer of 1950, they expected to journey to Brazil to win the game's greatest prize—the Jules Rimet Trophy, the World Cup.

Even now, over a year away, it was almost certain that Mazzola would lead the team. That Loik, Bacigalupo, Maroso, very likely Castigliano and Ballarin, and perhaps even Martelli, would represent Torino in Italy's attempt to win the World Cup outright, with a third successive victory. All the Italians had this goal to aim for.

But Erbstein was only concerned with the success of Torino in the Italian league. The national team, with its frequent calls on half his side, was even a nuisance to him. How could you train, coach, instruct, practice, work, when Mazzola wasn't there—the key to everything that happened on the field of play?

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Italy struggle, Wales boost their morale

FOR Italy, another reminder that to win the World Cup you must play well away; for England, some goals at last; for Wales, a boost for their morale; for Russia, the end to an interesting tour. A quiet month, as the big teams geared themselves for bigger battles.

Italy, once again, struggled in a match abroad—a vital World Cup qualifying game against the third team in their group (having already beaten Wales 1-0 in Cardiff), East Germany. It was only two opportunist goals by that match-saver *par excellence*, Gianni Riva, that gave them a point and sent 59,000 East Berliners home disappointed.

Italy looked the more polished in attack, with Riva, Prati and Mazzola inter-passing delightfully, and Facchetti looming up on the wing as a constant menace from the rear. But the Italians were mesmerised by their own brilliance, preferred two difficult passes where one simple touch would have produced a goal, and squandered three good chances with weak shooting inside the penalty area.

Ability

So it was the more direct, physically stronger East Germans who twice took the lead. The first goal, in the 27th minute, came from outside-left Eberhard Voegel, whose ability to take on two or three opponents and get by them all made him the outstanding player of the match. Italy were so busy watching him that they allowed East Germany's other winger, Bewe, to centre low into the goalmouth, and all Voegel had to do was touch the ball into the net.

Italy did level the score ten minutes after half-time, when a German defender miskicked fatally just outside the penalty area. But a quarter of an hour from the end the Italian goalkeeper Zoff made an even grosser mistake, inexplicably misfielding a long, speculative shot from the East German fullback Fraesdorf. The ball bounced out of his gloves and Kreische, running in like a gazelle, simply could not miss.

Zoff buried his head in his hands, for it looked as if East Germany had the match won. But Rivera got the ball from Facchetti in midfield, switched direction devastatingly with Prati, and Riva struck the centre just inside the post with unstoppable force. There were just seven minutes left.

With two home games to come, Italy must now be confident of going to Mexico. The 2-2 draw was as much a disappointment for Wales as for East Germany, for the Welsh must have been hoping that Italy would drop both points and give them an outside chance of qualifying. As it is, only a truly stupendous performance in both away matches could keep Wales in the World Cup.

Yet Wales must have been encouraged by their 1-1 draw with West Germany in Frankfurt, a match they almost won, for Muller's equalising goal came in injury time. Germany, of course, can argue that their team was seriously weakened by injuries, for no fewer than seven of the original party had to withdraw. They were Uwe Seeler (Hamburg), who had hoped to play in his 60th international match; Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich), who broke a bone in his right hand; Karl-Heinz Schnellinger (AC Milan), whose cracked toe had not cleared up properly; Wolfgang Weber (Cologne); Guenter Netzer (Borussia Muenchengladbach); Klaus Fichtel (Schalke 04) and Klaus Gerwien (Eintracht Brunswick). But Germany are a difficult team to beat at home, and Wales so nearly managed it.

On the same day Northern Ireland put out an under-23 team against an Italian team that was supposed to be under 23, but wasn't. Italy's national coach, Ferruccio Valcareggi, interpreted the rules loosely to give a run to many of the young aspirants for the *Azzurri*. Italy won 2-1 at the Mompiano Stadium in Brescia, their first Under-23 international since a 1-0 defeat by France last October. Valcareggi chose only two of that team in his 15, which for Italy perhaps shows the shape of things to come:

Squad

Goalkeepers: Franco Superchi, aged 23 (Fiorentina); Franco Giraudi, 23 (Inter-Milan). Fullbacks: Tazio Roversi, 22 (Bologna); Communardo Niccolai, 23 (Cagliari); Luigi Pasetti, 23 (Juventus); Mario Giubertoni, 23 (Palermo); Sergio Santarinin, 23 (Roma); Nietro Sabatini, 22 (Sampdoria). Midfield: Claudio Merlo, 23 (Fiorentina); Roberto Vieri, 23 (Sampdoria); Fabio Capellon, 22 (Roma). Forwards: Guiseppe Savoldi, 22 (Bologna); Sergio Gorin, 23 (Inter-Milan); Corrado Nastasio, 23 (Atalanta Bergamo); and Alberto Reif, 23 (Lanerossi Vicenza).

England also had what could only be described as a practice match, against a woefully weak French side that would have been pushed to beat most English Third Division sides. England did not play particularly well, but Francis Lee showed what a force he could be in international football, and he was widely acclaimed by the French critics. Geoff Hurst also played well in the atrocious conditions—that horse show they had at Wembley has made the pitch an absolute disgrace—scoring the first hat-trick for England since his rather more famous one of the World Cup Final, three years ago.

Velocity

Two of Hurst's goals against France came from penalties, both struck with frightening velocity.

The Scots might well heed a lesson in this art, for they missed two in the Scottish League-Football League match at Hampden Park. England "D"—the only way one can describe the team that eventually survived injuries and club commitments—won 3-1, but clearly had the run of the ball. Colin Stein, playing his last match before a

Ralph Coates of Burnley, who played for the Football League against the Scottish League. (U1)

International Post Mortem

By Roger Macdonald

six-week suspension that put him out of the vital game with West Germany, looked dispirited and ungainly; the Football League side took a long time to get going, but Burnley's Ralph Coates and Frank Casper must have caught Ramsey's eye.

The second World Cup game of the month took place between the Netherlands and Luxembourg, who had trouble getting their best players released, in particular Pilot of Standard Liege. In the event it made little difference, for the Dutch dominated the match, winning 4-0 in front of 45,000 at Rotterdam. Cruyff, in brilliant form for Ajax, got the first goal after 25 minutes, followed almost immediately by another from Van Dijk. Luxembourg pulled themselves together in the second half and came close to reducing the lead; but in the last five minutes Pahlplatz scored twice to give the Dutch a slightly flattering victory.

Favourites

Holland now lead their group, having beaten Luxembourg twice, but Bulgaria still remain favourites and Poland have yet to play. Having lost 2-0 in Sofia, the Dutch must beat Bulgaria at home to keep their hopes alive, a task which may well be beyond them.

For Spain, alas, the problems of the World Cup are over. They fielded a strange, experimental side against Switzerland at Valencia. Only 13,000 turned up to see the Spaniards win 1-0, a goal from Bustillo after 13 minutes; but no one really cared.

Another small crowd saw Yugoslavia, without many of their best players, beat Sweden 2-1 at Split. All the scoring came in the first half, Bejkovic in the 19th minute and Musemic in the 31st minute for Yugoslavia, Roger Magnusson in the 38th minute for Sweden. Roger told me he was delighted to be chosen, as it showed that Sweden were prepared to consider professionals with foreign clubs, and he hoped to play for Sweden in the World Cup. In fact two other mercenaries got in the team, Grahn of Stuttgart and Nordahl of Anderlecht.

Sweden were on their way home from a series of games in Israel, who also played Greece for the first time in 16 years. A crowd of 15,000 watched the match at Jaffa, which ended in a 3-3 draw after Israel had deservedly led at half-time.

On the southern side of the Mediterranean Algeria surprisingly eliminated Morocco in the African Nations Cup. They won the first leg 2-0 at Algiers in front of 23,000, taking the Moroccans by surprise with an early offensive. After ten minutes Khalem raced down to the byline, and with everyone expecting a pass, managed to squeeze the ball inside a post with a banana shot. In the 20th minute Achour produced a fierce shot that Allal could only parry to Natouri, who slammed in the rebound. And the Moroccans were lucky not to go further behind when Freha quickly headed in a centre from Natouri, who was given doubtfully offside.

A smaller crowd, only 10,000, came to the return at Agadir, as if they sensed that Morocco's chance had already gone. Algeria always looked capable of increasing their lead in dangerous counter-attacks, and Morocco scored their goal much too late —through wing-half Maaroufi— five minutes from the end.

Exhausted

On the other side of the world Russia continued their tour, putting their full team out against two South American clubs. They beat Vasco da Gama, but lost three days later 2-1 to Atletico Mineiro at Belo Horizonte. On an impossibly hot day, in humid conditions made worse by heavy rain in the second half, the game gradually came to a halt as the players became more and more exhausted. Needless to say all the goals came in the first period. Dario scored twice for Atletico, in the third and 29th minutes, with Meteveli scoring a particularly good equaliser for the Soviet Union. But in terms of football, stamina counted for much more than skill.

Bobby Tambling of Chelsea who scored the third goal for the Football League against the Scottish League. (WS)

THE MONTH'S GAMES

Split: Yugoslavia 2, Sweden 1
Rio de Janeiro: Vasco da Gama 0, USSR 1
Belo Horizonte: Atletico Mineiro 2, USSR 1
Algiers: Algeria 2, Morocco 0—ANC
Jaffa: Israel 3, Greece 3
London: England 5, France 0
Agadir: Morocco 1, Algeria 0—ANC
The Hague: Netherlands 4, Luxemburg 0—WC
Frankfurt: West Germany 1, Wales 1
Valencia: Spain 1, Switzerland 0
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CHRIS WEST

Riva scores vital goals IN ITALY

AT the time of going to press, AC Milan, having "settled the score" (in the words of the inimitable Nereo Rocco) with Celtic, are now well poised for their all-important European Cup semi-final with Manchester United. Since Milan's star-studded team are the subject of a special article in this issue, I will say no more on this subject. There have been other important events on the Italian soccer scene in recent weeks.

Parallel with the Italians' desire to have Britain in the Common Market, and their current mania for English fashions, is their great willingness and increasing desire to meet British teams, on whatever level: it now seems likely that there will be a repeat of last year's meeting between the Italian and English Amateur Cup Winners, and I suspect all British fans are "crossing their fingers" for Swindon—who must surely meet the Italian League "Knock-out Cup" Winners if the respective Authorities can agree on protocol.

Spectator

In Italy and Britain (with a similar population of 56 millions and 54 millions respectively) football is without doubt *the* National Sport, both on a participatory *and* spectator level: the increase in meetings between Italian and British clubs on *any* level, is a thing to be welcomed: these would go a long way, in our naughty world, to increase understanding between "Neo-Latin" style (of which the Italians and South Americans are the main exponents) and the more physical "Nordic" style of the English, Dutch, Germans and Scandinavians.

On March 26, under the floodlights of the Stadio di Brescia, an experimental Italian Under-23 team met the Orangemen from Northern Ireland, a match which resulted in a 2-1 victory for the Italians.

(Details can be found in Dateline Diary.)

On Saturday, March 29, under the misty sky which covered East Berlin's Walter Ulbricht Stadium, a full Italian team [consisting of Zoff, Burgnich, Facchetti, Bertini, Salvadore, Castano; Prati, Rivera, Mazzola, De Sisti and Riva] drew 2-2 with the East Germans, putting Italy into top place in Group 3 of the World Cup eliminators. Thanks to Riva, who scored twice, Italy now stand a very good chance of entering the final stages of the World Cup.

The position in the League itself is as interesting as ever: three of the super-league" teams, Juventus, Inter and Napoli, in spite of a strong run towards the finish, are definitely out of the running for this year's League Championship. At the top Cagliari, unbeaten until the beginning of March in 16 consecutive league games, went down at home to Juventus. On the same day, Inter, determined to recover some of their diminished prestige, scored an exciting 3-0 win against Roma—Facchetti scoring against the team of his former chief, Helenio Herrera. Heriberto Herrera, who has re-established his popularity with the Juventus directors and their fans, seems bent on the idea of ceding the German international Haller to Napoli and acquiring Sandro Mazzola as an attacking partner for Anastasi: a Juventus thus resuscitated, could well go far in the coming season.

On March 17, Cagliari, who appeared to be fading at the post, could only draw with Roma (0-0). In the Turin Derby match Juventus drew again (0-0) with Torino. Inter consolidating their Renaissance, thrashed bottom-of-the-table Pisa 4-0. Top runners Fiorentina and Milan both drew 1-1 away from home.

The present positions (April 1, 1969, are as follows: Fiorentina 34; Milan 33; Cagliari 32; Juventus 27; Inter 26; Torino 25; Napoli 24; Verona 24; Roma 22; Palermo 20; Bologna 20; Varese 19; Atalanta 16; Pisa 16; Sampdoria 15; Vicenza 15.

Adversaries

As to Swindon's possible adversaries, the Italian Cup reaches its final stages on Wednesday April 2. At 8.45 p.m. on that evening the quarter-finals of the "Coppa Italia" take place. Naturally, all home teams have a statistical advantage. The draw is as follows with first-leg results in brackets: (please note, however, that the four teams who qualify for the semi-finals will be chosen on goal average—only, for instance, should Juventus beat Cagliari 1-0 will a further play-off be necessary)

Juventus-Cagliari	(0-1)
Milan-Torino	(0-1)
Napoli-Foggia	(1-2)
Roma-Brescia	(0-1)

The *Coppa Italia*, rather like the Football League Cup here, has until recently been considered something of a consolation prize. I will stick my neck out in forecasting that Juventus will take this year's Cup and qualify for next year's Cup Winners Cup competition, following the tradition of a disappointed Milan a couple of seasons back.

I end on a humorous, or could one call it tragi-comic note: Italy, a country that is by any standards in the avant-garde of modern European culture, is hardly well known for its emancipated women [those who are tend to be of the fanatical "Pankhurst" type]. It was, therefore, surprising to read that 5,000 spectators, most of them men, turned up to see the two most famous female football teams in Italy, Real Torino and Sanyo Milano, fight it out at the Juventus-Torino Stadium.

"Not much technique," said the all-male journalists, "but by the Madonna, it was great to watch!" Not that it matters so much, but a 2-1 win for Real Torino at least went some way to "redress the balance" in that ever-continuing football battle between the two famous Northern Italian cities.

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FOOTBALL can never become so complacent that there is no room for improvement. European football in the form of the Champions Cup can never be so self-satisfied that there is no room for something new or somebody new.

Over the years the later stages of the European Cup have been dominated by clubs now almost as familiar to the average football follower as the clubs he watches or reads about week in and week out.

Real Madrid from Spain, Benfica from Portugal, one of the three great teams from Northern Italy, AC Milan, Inter-Milan or Juventus, Ajax from Holland, Anderlecht from Belgium, Manchester United from England, Celtic from Scotland, Sparta or Dukla Prague from Czechoslovakia....

All have figured prominently in the quarter-final draws of the 1960s. The thought has occasionally occurred to me that the same old names might eventually become slightly tiresome for the paying public, that some new name might help to give the competition fresh impetus.

That is why the emergence of Spartak Trnava from Czechoslovakia and their appearance in this season's semi-final gives me some satisfaction—even though, as far as I know, it is possibly not the most accessible place in the world.

That is why the dramatic challenge by Cagliari for the Italian championship is an exciting prospect.

Spartak Trnava have reached the semi-final and at the same time retained the leadership in Czechoslovakia. At the winter break they led by four points and, unless Dukla maintain the recovery that has swept them into second place, Spartak will be favourites to retain the crown and enter the European Cup for the second time.

Spartak were promoted to the Czech premier division in 1963 and first entered European competition through the Cup Winners Cup.

It was a brief flirtation with international club football. The Czechs beat Lausanne on a 4-3 aggregate in the preliminary round, losing the away leg 3-2, but succumbed on a 6-1 aggregate to Moscow Torpedo in the next round.

The fact that Torpedo were then beaten by Cardiff City 1-0 in a play-off in Augsburg indicated that Spartak were not a team likely to threaten the major clubs of Europe.

They have reached the last four in the Champions Cup this season, but have yet to prove themselves simply because the luck of the draw has separated them from the major clubs though they did win the Mitropa Cup in 1967, beating Ujpesti Dozsa in the Final.

Before the political upheaval in their own country Spartak were drawn originally to play Malmo, who could scarcely be described as possible contenders for the European championship.

Their luck held when the fresh draw paired them with Steaua, of Bucharest, though they might not have thought so when the Rumanian team won the first leg 3-1.

Mario Brugnera of Cagliari scores for his club during a match against Sport Club of Vienna earlier in the season. (UPI)

Back in Trnava the Czechs made an incredible recovery, winning 4-0 for a 5-3 aggregate victory with their former Dukla forward Josef Adamec scoring three times.

The second-round draw gave Spartak the next best thing to a bye when Reipas Lahti, unable to play at home because of the severity of the Finnish winter, lost the first leg 7-1 in Trnava and the return 9-1 in Vienna.

Surely now it must be Benfica or Manchester United or Milan in the quarter-finals. Yet still Spartak's luck held and they were paired with AEK Athens, who themselves had reached the last eight via comparatively easy ties against Jeunesse and AB Copenhagen.

Further progress was achieved via a 3-2 aggregate triumph.

It seems to me something must have gone wildly wrong with the seeding system to permit such a situation ... but that is something in need of much closer scrutiny when the entries are known for next season's competition.

The prospect of an appearance by Cagliari is intriguing if only because it would break the monopoly of the clubs from Milan and Turin.

The Sardinian team are in a breakaway group with Fiorentina and the champions Milan. There seems little prospect of the leaders of the pack, Inter and Juventus, being able to overtake them.

If Cagliari—or Fiorentina for that matter—win the championship they will become the first team to break the Northern domination of Italian European Cup entries since the team from Florence did it back in 1957.

In the last four seasons Cagliari have finished sixth, eleventh, sixth and ninth. There was little hint until this season that they might challenge for the championship itself.

But Italian defences are still learning how to deal with the scoring forwards Luigi Riva and Roberto Boninsegna. Riva's fee—if Cagliari ever consider his release—would dwarf the £440,000 paid by Juventus for Pietro Anastasi.

No doubt intense pressure will again be applied when the Italian summer transfer season opens, but by then Cagliari may be the champions and become even more reluctant to part with him even though the transfer would bring in much more money than the club could hope to make by winning the European Cup.

Record Review

IT is not often that I get the chance to review a record in the pages of WORLD SOCCER but it is a pleasure to do so in respect of a new LP on the market entitled Highlights of Sports Report (REC 29M).

Brought out to commemorate 21 years of that excellent radio programme Sports Report, this unique sports record lives up to all the blurb on the official press handout.

"This is undoubtedly the record of the year for all sportsmen and sports enthusiasts," is their claim and I'm bound to agree. Delving back through 21 years of glorious achievements in the sporting world, this production provides thoroughly intoxicating listening.

Whatever your particular interest in sport, you will find this record a worthwhile purchase. Recalled are all of the major events of 21 years and the soccer enthusiasts will be especially enthralled when listening to such personalities as Sir Matt Busby, Geoff Hurst, Bill Nicholson, Sir Stanley Rous, Jock Stein and Billy Wright.

But aside from association football, there is so much more that this record offers. All I can do is recommend that you pop along to your nearest record shop for a taste yourselves. I am sure that you, like me, will vote it a resounding hit.

PHILIP RISING

BRIAN GLANVILLE

Away goals fiasco . . .

LOOKING AT SOCCER

WHILE the European Union cheerfully sell the pass, raising objections to the very European Championship which they ought to be furthering, the various European cup competitions plunge deeper into the morass. It was bad enough when the iniquitous principle of away goals counting double crept into the Fairs Cup—which will be administered by UEFA from next season, worse still when it reached the Cup Winners Cup; but now it has infested the European Cup itself.

Last season, we had the perfect absurdity of a Benfica team which could do no better than draw twice with little Glentoran qualifying without a play-off, because they'd managed to score in Belfast, even though they didn't win there. This season, Real Madrid were very understandably aggrieved to be knocked out by Rapid Vienna, thanks to the goal Bjerregaard got against them in Madrid—although the teams finished level on aggregate.

The rationalisation of this silly practice is that it encourages away teams to go out for goals; which I strongly doubt. Away teams, by and large, know very well that in most cases, alas, defence is the best form of defence; that to go out for even a single goal is to risk defeat. The true motive, of course, is that the system obviates the need for play-offs. I have suggested before that sudden death, single matches would be more economical of time and would give a far better chance to the minnows; but it seems to me increasingly that these various cup tournaments have served their purpose; which is to point the way to a European League.

The Fairs Cup, ludicrously increased this season to 60 teams, has become a top heavy absurdity. Not since 1965 has its Final actually managed to be played during the current season; a fact which surely makes comment superfluous. Moreover, the competition has even less definition than the Cup Winners Cup, with its plethora of teams from cities where an industrial fair would be unthinkable. Have you ever been to the trade fair at swinging Izmir?

Some countries, like England, use the tournament as bait and reward for a good position in the League; others do actually choose teams from trade fair cities, others again seem to employ a method resembling the lucky dip. As for the Cup Winners Cup, it certainly includes teams from countries such as England, Scotland, Spain and France, where the cup is genuinely important, but it also comprises countries like Italy, where cup football has always been marginal and devoid of genuine passion.

The one bright sign in this season's European competition was given in The Benfica-Ajax ties, when *both* teams went out on the attack in their away matches, where they might have been expected to defend. Certainly this was what everyone thought Benfica would do, in Amsterdam. Instead, on a difficult, frozen surface, they shocked Ajax by going out for goals; and getting them. This meant, in turn, that Ajax—3-1 down—had to attack from the start in Portugal.

Perhaps these were special circumstances into which one should not be tempted to read too much. Nevertheless, they blew a wonderfully refreshing breeze into the miasma of contemporary football.

DISCUSSION

I had a long discussion with Clive Toye, the former *Daily Express* correspondent who is now in charge of promotion and administration of the North American Soccer League, on his recent visit to London. Broadly speaking, I am encouraged by what he, Phil Woosnam—the chief executive—and

Ajax of Amsterdam qualified for the semi-finals of the European Cup after beating Benfica 3–0 in their Paris play-off. Here Hulshoff clears from the fallen Eusebio. (UPI)

Benfica goalkeeper Henrique clears an Ajax attack but his club ultimately lost 3–0 and were eliminated from this season's European Cup. (UPI)

the League at large are attempting to do. In itself, it constitutes a damning commentary on what has happened so far, on how money has been stupidly squandered and time liberally wasted over the past two years; but there is a certain, faint gleam of hope to be seen.

As Toye now firmly and humbly emphasises: "We don't call ourselves a major league. People will tell us when we're a major league. What we say is we're *professional*." The new league, consisting of some half a dozen clubs, will play only at weekends, and will (a mistake, I still feel) function through the summer. During May, a tournament of exhibition matches involving foreign teams will be played, as it was in 1967. Back, in a sense, to square one.

Toye makes the point that the small size of the League need not act in its disfavour; that Americans, in ice-hockey and baseball, even their own football, are used to relatively small leagues. Dallas, Atlanta—where the League headquarters have been established — St. Louis, Baltimore and Kansas City are definite starters. The trouble, as Toye admits, is that so much time was frittered away during the autumn and winter, after that disastrous conference at Chicago, which I described in these columns. There, it will be remembered, the suicidal decision was taken to scrap the League altogether, and to run merely a single, representative League team, playing irregularly in the various component cities. The United States FA, thank goodness, blocked the decision, and the NASFA had to think again; but immensely valuable time had been lost. In consequence, cities which might have adhered to the new League have not had time to do so.

ADHERENT

Next year, Detroit, despite the financial beating they took in 1968, may return to the fold, and an unlikely but probable adherent is, I understand, Miami.

Players in the new, retrenched League will be only part-time professionals, who will be expected to make up their income in such jobs as coaching in the schools. This would have been a reasonable line to have taken from the beginning. The trouble is that, in a country obsessed by symbols of success, it now looks precisely what it is; making the best of a bad job.

As I complained so often at the time, the organisers of the professional movement fell between two stools. They neither bought the best, nor did they work steadily and cautiously from the ground up. With the arrogance of so many American businessmen, often "self-made" (and thereby, as Ian Hay once wrote, relieving their maker of a grave responsibility) they ignored good counsel and paid the penalty for their rashness.

New York, as Toye admits, remains an awful problem. I am sorry that the Generals have refused to join the League as, after a very unimpressive beginning, they seemed at last to be seeing the light. In the young lawyer and Davis Cup tennis player, Eugene Scott, they had found a winning and sensible advocate, who was among those firmly to oppose the suicide of Chicago.

EFFICACY

Failing a massive expenditure on foreign stars—and even that would be of problematical efficacy—New York must build slowly and solidly from inside the community, taking advantage of the spread of the game in colleges and schools, consulting the native coaches whom the Generals ignored and sometimes alienated. Heaven knows it must be a very long job, but success without New York is quite inconceivable.

At all events, it looks as if the megalomaniac Yankee Stadium mentality has been transcended, and that whatever team takes the franchise will have the sense to play somewhere less fashionable but more suitable, such as Randall's Island.

The California Clippers of Oakland, who have kept most of their Slavs, will continue to operate, and would no doubt rejoin the NASL if things go well for it, and if another Californian team comes into the fold; there are chances of San Diego, and always renewed possibilities in Los Angeles.

Several excellent English coaches remain but unfortunately — for the American game—one of the very best of his era, Jack Mansell, has returned to England. Mansell, the former Portsmouth left-back, Sheffield Wednesday coach and Rotherham manager, was in charge of the now defunct Boston Beacons club. Mansell has been appointed manager of Reading in succession to Roy Bentley. A pity for the American game which needs men of his undoubted calibre.

Little winger Maz (white shirt) gets there first to score another goal for River Plate. (EW)

CLEAR-OUT

ARGENTINA SOCCER SCENE from ERIC WEIL

BUENOS AIRES CLUB, River Plate, top in popularity with Boca Juniors, known as "Los Millionarios" but now in financial trouble, although many of their players are still in the millionaire class, finally had to put their foot down. The Club Committee slapped a maximum basic annual salary of £4,000 on their players, although, according to law, they couldn't reduce the £6,747 which top stars such as Roberto Matosas, Luis Cubillas, Ermindo Onega and Amadeo Carizzo got the year before. Yet the four wanted even more to sign new contracts and the club decided to get rid of them—mainly to lower the wage bill and stop short demands from other players—even if it meant weakening the team.

Veteran goalie, Carizzo, went first on a free transfer (reported in last month's WORLD SOCCER) and is still unengaged. Onega and Matosas went to Peñarol (Uruguay) for £36,000 and £25,000 respectively and Cubillas to Nacional (Uruguay) for £36,000. Seven players were bought at a total outlay of £44,000 which left River Plate with a credit balance, but perhaps a diminished chance of winning the title which they just missed on goal average last year. Last-minute sensation was the registration of their former international forward, Enrique Sivori, who is still a Napoli player at Press time and hasn't played yet. This seemed to be a move to appease their angry fans, but only results will do that.

But River Plate players still can't complain under the club's new austerity plan. On top of their wage they get a bonus of almost £100 for every win.

When the transfer register closed a few days before the start of the season, 119 players had moved between the 22 First Division clubs and £540,000 had changed hands. Many of the moves involved player exchanges and loans, but the totals were down on the previous season.

Boca Juniors led the way as usual by handing out £68,000 for five players, but they have made fewer team changes than usual. This will be to their benefit, but the loan of Gonzalez (to Banfield), with whom Rattin had worked up an excellent mid-field understanding, was heavily criticised. Top prices were paid by Racing and Independiente for internationals Aguirre (£24,000 to Newells Old Boys) and Tardivo (£21,600 to Colon), but with player exchange plus cash transactions abounding, it wasn't possible to compare values.

But the biggest changes were among team managers. Just before the start of the season the situation between Independiente players and coach, Luis Carniglia, apparently became impossible and the club terminated his contract with a £7,200 "golden handshake" (Independiente spends almost as much on kicking out coaches as on players), while popular "Pipo" Rossi resigned from the Huracan management after an argument with the Directors. This meant that 12 of the 22 Metropolitan First Division clubs started the season with new team managers.

The Argentine national team squad spent 15 days at La Paz, Bolivia, 3,700 metres above sea-level, where they will play a World Cup preliminary game in August. The players were under continual medical supervision of Doctor Jean Coudert, a Frenchman, and Doctor Mario Paz Zamora at the "Instituto Boliviano de Biologia de la Alturu".

They also cantered to a 4-0 win over local champions, Bolivar, but more important were the medical results indicating that players must arrive well in advance of games to be able to give of their best. For example, tests during the first few days showed that players needed from 10 to 15 minutes to recuperate from physical exertion. Eleven days later they needed only two to three minutes to recuperate to the same degree from the same exercise. When full results of the investigation are received, the Argentine FA proposes to publish a booklet to send to all football associations throughout the world.

San Lorenzo surprisingly lost

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Angel Rojas (Boca Juniors, dark shirt) eludes Gomez, (Atlanta)

EUROPEAN CUPS STATISTICS

Compiled by ARTHUR ROTHIL

CHAMPIONS CUP

Quarter-final—First Leg

Manchester United 3
Best 2 (44, 70), Morgan (66).
Rapid Vienna 0
Manchester. Att. 63,200. Ref. Boric (Yugoslavia).
Man. Utd.: Stepney; Fitzpatrick, James, Stiles, Dunne; Crerand, Charlton; Morgan, Kidd, Law, Best.
Rapid: Fuchsbichler; Gebhardt, Glechner, Ullman, Fak; Bjerregaard; Flögel; Fritsch, Kaltenbrunner, Grausam, Söndergaard.

The long winter break and lack of stamina handicapped the Austrians, who kept the game open for 40 minutes before capitulating to the individual brilliance of Best and the opportunism of Morgan.

AC Milan 0
Glasgow Celtic 0
Milan. Att. 70,000. Ref. Tschenscher (West Germany).
Milan: Cudicini; Anquilletti, Rosato, Malatrasi, Schnellinger; Lodetti, Trapattoni; Hamrin (Rognoni), Sormani, Rivera, Prati.
Celtic: Fallon; Craig, McNeill, Clark, Gemmell; Murdoch, Brogan (Auld); Johnstone, Wallace, Lennox, Hughes.

Celtic were more at home in the snow and defended skilfully, while Milan's strikers, prompted by a top-form Rivera, lacked penetration, though Hamrin once headed against a post from four yards!

Spartak Trnava (Czech.) 2
Jarabek (25), Kabat (44).
AEK Athens 1
Sevastopoulos (61).
Bratislava. Att. 20,000. Ref. Droz (Switzerland).
Spartak: Geryk; Dobias, Majernik, Jarabek, Hagara; Hrusecky, Kuna; Martinkovic, Svec, Fandel, Kabat.
AEK: Konstantinidis; Kefalidis, Stathopoulos, Vassiliou, Ballopoulos; Skevofylax, Karafeskos; Stamatiadis, Papaioannou, Nicolaidis, Sevastopoulos.

In pouring rain on a muddy ground the Slovaks, who missed their injured goal ace Adamec, attacked non-stop, but in a sudden counter AEK's left-winger ran the length of the pitch to score an unexpected goal.

Ajax Amsterdam 1
Danielsson (47).
Benfica Lisbon 3
Jacinto (32 pen.), Torres (36), Augusto (60).
Amsterdam. Att. 65,000. Ref. Davidson (Scotland).
Ajax: Bals; Suurbier, Hulshoff, Vasovic, Van Duivenbode; Muller, Groot; Swart, Cruyff, Nuninga (Danielsson), Keizer.
Benfica: Henrique; Jacinto, Humberto, Raul (Fernandes), Cruz; Toni, Coluna; Graça, Eusebio, Torres, Simoes (Augusto).

On a snow-covered pitch and in freezing temperature the Portuguese sprang a sensation, as nothing went right for disjointed Ajax, whose forwards missed chances in a desperate but fruitless second-half rally.

Second Leg

Rapid Vienna 0
Manchester United 0
Vienna. Att. 52,000. Ref. Van Ravens (Holland).
Rapid: Fuchsbichler; Gebhardt, Glechner, Flögel, Fak; Bjerregaard, Lindman; Fritsch, Kaltenbrunner, Grausam, Söndergaard.
Man. Utd.: Stepney; Fitzpatrick, James, Stiles, Dunne; Crerand, Charlton; Morgan, Kidd, Sadler, Best.

The holders, calm and composed, took few risks while the hosts, who fielded seven trained attackers, looked no more than a collection of good midfield players without a marksman to conclude their efforts.

(Manchester won 3-0 on aggregate—will meet AC Milan.)

Benfica Lisbon 1
Torres (70).
Ajax Amsterdam 3
Pronk (9), Cruyff 2 (11, 31).
Lisbon. Att. 60,000. Ref. Sbardella (Italy).
Benfica: Henrique; Jacinto (Adolfo), Humberto, Raul, Cruz; Toni, Coluna; Graça, Torres, Eusebio, Simoes (Augusto).
Ajax: Bals; Suurbier (Suurendonck), Hulshoff, Vasovic, Van Duivenbode; Groot, Pronk; Swart, Cruyff, Danielsson (Muller), Keizer.

The Dutch, trailing by two goals from the home leg, turned the tables sensationally with three "killer" goals in half an hour which nearly shattered Benfica whose late offensive merely forced a decider.

(Aggregate scores 4-4—play-off necessary.)

Glasgow Celtic 0
AC Milan 1
Prati (12).
Glasgow. Att. 75,000. Ref. Ortiz de Mendibil (Spain).
Celtic: Fallon; Craig, McNeill, Clark, Gemmell; Murdoch, Brogan (Auld); Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Hughes.
Milan: Cudicini; Anquilletti, Rosato, Malatrasi, Schnellinger (Santin); Lodetti, Maldera; Hamrin (Rognoni), Prati, Rivera, Scala.

Twenty-two-year-old Pierino Prati delivered the knock-out goal to silence the chanting clans and shatter Celtic who pounded away for most of the game but lacked imagination to crack the impregnable Italian defence.

(Milan won 1-0 on aggregate—will meet Manchester United.)

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But they all knew that it couldn't last for ever, for these star players. Their biggest successes were in the past now. The problem Erbstein faced with increasing apprehension was knowing when to replace his top-liners, and how to replace them. For these four outstanding forwards he had could go on for years, just producing an odd spark of greatness every few games. Before they could be dispensed with the club had to have adequate replacements.

There were many fans, who queried Novo's most recent signings. Surely, they argued, Subert and Bongiorni will be coming to the threatening thirties themselves when Mazzola, Loik, and Gabetto are finally pensioned off. Wouldn't it have been far better to have signed younger men than these, and let the youngesters have as long at the top as Mazzola and company had enjoyed?

So the arguments had raged. Erbstein had always kept his eyes open for young starlets. But there seemed none in the whole length and breadth of the country, possessing the promise that one day they would be able to match the mature stardom represented by Loik and Mazzola. Ah, there would be problems aplenty when Torino's slide really gathered momentum.

Erbstein was all to well aware of the club's recent successes. In 1946-7 Torino had won the league by a clear ten points. And the following season the club had played 40 games, won a record 29 matches, scored a record 125 goals, finished ahead of second-placed Juventus by a record 16 points, and defeated poor old Alessandria in Turin by a record score of 10-0. That had been a season!

But now that 16 points lead had been whittled down in a year to six points. It was sad to see Torino dying. But that was what was happening. Slowly. Irrevocably. The real break-up, maybe next season, would be tragic. To see players like Grezar, Menti, yes even Mazzola unless he decided on a premature retirement, dropped, transferred, struggling vainly with ever-diminishing faculties, to help lowly-placed first and then second division sides. That was what would happen. Erbstein couldn't run away from the facts. It was a horrible fate for what was still a magnificent team. But it was unavoidable; stared them all in the face.

The flight from Lisbon was bumpy. And the weather was obviously worsening as the aircraft neared Turin. The plane circled. Somewhere down below them all, smothered beneath the low pall of rain-clouds was Turin. The plane flew down, probably hoping to get underneath the swirling clouds. But the clouds went lower than the aircraft dared.

People in the city heard an aircraft overhead, struggling in the vile conditions. But though they looked up they couldn't distinguish it amidst the clouds and the rain. Then the noise of the engines faded out and diminished altogether, as the aircraft flew out to turn and come back in on the airport. None of those people hurrying along the streets of Turin dreamt that this plane might be carrying their beloved Torino football players.

And none of them knew, minutes later, as the aircraft smashed into the high wall surrounding the beautiful basilica on the very top of Superga hill, and exploded. A priest was the sole witness.

It was some time before would-be rescuers reached the fragmented wreckage. The news was flashed to the Italian National Assembly. *Radio All'Italia* dropped its scheduled programmes following their dramatic news bulletin telling of the disaster. The news reader almost broke down on the air as he read those telling lines that meant there could be no survivors. Ordinary housewives, ran out of their homes, in tears. In the centre of the city almost everything came to a standstill. Men wept openly in the streets, unashamed. And there were many who just could not credit the news.

The Pope sent a message of sympathy to the relatives of all those killed on Superga. The The minister for the Interior set up an inquiry into the crash. At an emergency meeting of the Italian Football Association, Torino were declared champions of the league. National team manager Vittorio Pozzo resigned.

The players were honoured with State funerals. It was the least the nation could do for its dearest sons.

All over. No more worries about unsettled players. No more concern about how to replace players, and who to replace them with, and when. They had all died instantly, died together, with these worries. Their reputations would never tarnish.

Il Grande Torino di Valentino Mazzola—heroes for ever.

Kramer of Hamburg and Schnellinger of Milan during last year's European Cup Winners Cup final. (UPI)

CRICKET NO LONGER

MILAN AC

Potted team history by CHRIS WEST

WHEN Manchester United meet Milan AC in this year's European Cup, the world of football will be treated to a true meeting of the giants. The famous "red-and-blacks" from San Siro are the one team in Europe whose record can match that of United (though one should take into account the fact that the Italian Serie A is now composed of only 16 teams).

An Italian "Super-League" can already be said to exist within the First Division; only Fiorentina and Bologna have managed to break the monopoly held by Milan, Inter and Juventus in the last 20 years.

The club was founded in 1899 by a resident Englishman, Alfred (Papà) Edwards, who had arranged a "friendly" between the *Inglesi* who congregated at the American bar and some Italian workers from the Spaten brewery, who frequented an alehouse in the Via Berchet. Under Papà Edwards, the two groups decided to form a team and look for opponents. The Milan Cricket & Football Club (as it was originally called) was baptised on January 15, 1900, when it was accepted as a full member of the newly-formed Italian Football Federation (FIF).

Still very much Anglo-Italian, the club's first committee comprised Messrs. Kilpin, Barratt, Nathan, Allison and Davies—and Signori Pirelli, Dubini, Valerio, Angeloni, and Camperio. In their first season the team, having lost its baptismal match by 3-0 away to FC Torinese, won the gold medal presented by King Umberto I to the winners of a Milan-Juventus derby. The team line-up was as follows: Hood, Gignaghi, Torretta, Lees, Kilpin, Valerio, Dubini, Davies, Neville, Allison and Formenti.

Today, Milan are fortunate to have as trainer/manager yet another "Papà" of Italian football—the redoubtable Nereo Rocco. Rocco, a swarthy 5 ft. 7 in. heavyweight, with a protruding Punch-like nose and chin, that epitomise his aggressiveness, is—if you care to imagine such an animal—a sort of Italian Sergeant-Major George Smith — a Busby/Docherty/Stein mixture (with rather more Smith-Docherty than Busby-Stein in his make-up).

Born in 1912 at Trieste, Rocco trained Padova, Torino and the 1960 Italian Olympic team before coming to Milan. Despised and libelled by many journalists and fellow countrymen as a crude, wine-swigging illiterate, Nereo Rocco has all those qualities of gentleness which mark him as a great. After joining the red-and-blacks for the '61–'62 season, Rocco took under his muscular wings a frail, pallid, young Swedish hopeful who was having difficulty in settling down with Denis Law's old team, Torino: a dose of Rocco, and Kurt Hamrin's feet grew wings. Since joining Milan, Hamrin has become one of the most feared goal-poachers in Europe, and is, of course, a regular international for Sweden.

In Rocco's first full season with the club, they won the League championship (1961–62—see table)—and for the fifth time since the war. The team's quite fantastic post-1945 record reads as follows:

Italian League champions..... 6 times
Runners-up ..... 6 times
Third or fourth ..... 8 times

—i.e. 20 "placings" in 23 full seasons. In addition Rocco has seen his team victorious in the Italian League Cup (1967), the European Cup (1963) and the Cup Winners Cup (1968). In 1963, having knocked-in 14 goals against Luxembourg, Milan murdered every team in sight including our own champions Ipswich, and the Scottish champions Dundee.

In that famous Wembley final—which I well recall as a young "stringer" because Altafini gave me a Milan tie and flag in exchange for all my Italian newspapers!—Milan lined up with Ghezzi (probably the most famous Italian goalkeeper of all time), David, Trebbi, Benitez, Maldini, Trapattoni, Pivatelli, Sani, Altafini (one-time Mazzola), Rivera and Mora—against the Benfica and Eusebio, that "Black Pearl" from Mozambique. Milan, who gave away the first goal, won a match that has gone down in football history as a classic with a cracking pair of goals by the Italian-Brazilian José "Mazzola". Altafini himself gained a place in football history as one of the greatest centre-forwards of all time.

The beginning of Milan's post-war ascendancy coincided with the period of Nordic influence. In 1948, restrictions on foreign players were minimal: through Tom Whittaker, Milan acquired Sloan, and the Icelandic player Gudmusson. Then the arrival of Swedish international "Fireman" Nordhal sparked off a fantastic era for Milan: such was the impression made by Gunnar (in his début versus Pro-Patria on January 27, 1949), that Milan decided to buy two more Swedes, both internationals: the wing-halves Gunnar Gren and Nils Liedholm.

The truly telepathic understanding between the members of this famous trio led to two goalscoring records. To this day the famous cry of GRE-NO-LI! is nostalgically recalled, as are the trio's members: one of the most famous striking lines in the history of Italian football with an all-time Italian League record of 118 goals for (45 against) in 1949–50, and a second best of 107 goals for (39 against) in 1950–51,

the year when Milan won their first post-war League championship.

Since 1955 Italian football has become much more defensive: goals against (as our table shows) slowly creeping up on goals for, even for top teams like Milan. The era of the catenaccio really began in 1960. Since then the goal-situation has steadily worsened, culminating, some readers will recall, on that Sunday in late January, when the 16 First Division teams produced nine goals between them. This was an all-time low, Milan drawing 1-1 away from home with Sampdoria.

A simple graph shows that the more money the players are paid, the less goals are scored. Milan's record this year is better than most: the team are more than fortunate (as any good Celtic fan will tell you) to possess the finest and most mature 'keeper that European football (outside Britain) has produced since the great Milanese "kamikaze", Ghezzi. It is hard not to talk in superlatives, when discussing Milan's 6 ft. veteran goalie Cudicini: his courage—to which a much scarred face bears witness—is legendary. So far this season he has let through only six goals in 20 league matches. After the World Cup we all commented on the generally low standard of West European goalkeepers. Here is the equal of Banks, Stepney, West and Bonetti—a good test for Georgie, Nobby, Bobby and all!

Other players to watch? All of them in this star-studded line-up. International Prati, last season's top goalscorer, is capable of beating the most experienced defenders.

Trapattoni (nicknamed appropriately "the Trap") is another international who Pelè rated his hardest-ever opponent. The list continues with Germany's Schnellinger and the Brazilian Sormani who arrived after the '66–'67 crisis. (It was then that Altafini was transferred to Naples, Benitez to Roma, and Riva—how sorely he must be missed—to Cagliari.)

The year 1960 saw the first appearance for the red-and-blacks of Milan's golden wonder, that aesthete of Italian soccer, Gianni Rivera. Poached from rival Inter, Rivera quickly settled down with Milan, making his international début on May 13, 1962 (in an away match v. Belgium, where the Italians won 3-1). In spite of a disastrous World Cup, Rivera is still a player that teams like Manchester United will have to mark most closely: here is the Italian player *par excellence*, a hamadryad who can "kiss" a ball with feet or head, past the best of 'keepers. Luckily, if Wembley is any criterion of his ability internationally, Giannino is more to be feared in Latin climes, than on the muddy pitches of Perfidious Albion.

As with United, Milan's essential strength stems not in the potential of individual star-players, but in true *team* ability. Some players, like Maldini — the courageous dynamo Rosato (who reminds me of "Terry" Dyson), Rognoni (as tall as Jackie Charlton, surely a star of the near-future) and Lodetti—who played so brilliantly against Celtic—are hardly known in Britain.

POST-WAR STATISTICS, MILAN AC SpA

Season	P	F	A	Pts.	Final League pos.	Comments	Honours, etc.	Notes
1945–6	16*	25	16	16	4	*KO comp. only		
1946–7	40	75	52	50	4			Founded 1899 as Milan Cricket & Football Club
1947–8	42	76	48	49	2		Runners-up LC	
1948–9	40	83	52	50	3	"Nordic" period begins		
1949–50	40	118	45	57	2		Runners-up LC	
1950–1	40	107	39	60	1		League Champs.	1900 becomes member of FIF as Milan Athletic Club
1951–2	40	87	41	53	2		Runners-up LC	
1952–3	36	64	34	43	3			
1953–4	36	66	39	44	3			
1954–5	36	81	35	48	1		League Champs.	1967 under new rules becomes a limited company Milan AC SpA
1955–6	36	70	48	41	2		Runners-up LC	
1956–7	36	65	40	48	1	Start of defensive era	League Champs.	
1957–8	36	61	47	32	9			
1958–9	36	84	32	52	1		League Champs.	
1959–60	36	56	37	44	3			
1960–1	36	65	39	45	2		Runners-up	
1961–2	36	83	36	53	1		League Champs.	
1962–3	36	53	27	43	3		Europ'n Champs.	
1963–4	36	58	28	51	3			
1964–5	36	52	23	51	2		Runners-up	
1965–6	36	43	33	38	7			
1966–7	36	36	32	37	8		Italian Cup win'rs	
1967–8	34	53	24	46	1		Cup Winners Cup winners League Champs.	
1968–9	22*	22	8	31	2	* Position at	March 17, 1969	

Victorious AC Milan players after their Cup Winners Cup triumph against Hamburg SV last year: Sormani holds the cup with Rosato, Angelillotti, Trapponi, Prato, Hamrin and Lodetti. (UPI)

World Soccer's man in America

COLIN JOSE reports

HAITI NEXT !

THE United States will meet Haiti in the semi-finals of World Cup group 13. The games will be played in a two-game total goal basis and the home game for the United States will take place on May 13 in San Diego.

This is the result of the goalless draw played between Haiti and Guatemala in Guatemala on February 29. This game was originally scheduled for December 15, but Haiti refused to play when the official referee failed to show up.

In the other semi-final in this the CONCACAF region, Honduras will meet El Salvador with the games being played on June 8 and 15, with the venue of the first game yet to be decided by FIFA.

Prior to their meetings with Haiti the United States Soccer Football Association hopes to assemble its squad in order to meet teams in the US or overseas, at present soccer in this country is in its close season. Due to his appointment as executive director of the North American Soccer League Phil Woosnam has found it necessary to resign from his post as coach of the team, and Gordon Jago, who coached the Baltimore Bays last season, has been appointed to take his place.

As a result of the decline of the North American Soccer League, the American Soccer League is now the largest professional soccer league in the United States.

The ASL in accordance with its policy announced by president Charles A. Schiano has switched its season from the autumn to the summer, and play will commence in May.

Eight teams will make up the league, less than had been hoped for, and the clubs will play a 20-game schedule, whereas last season the schedule called for 12. The teams will be divided into two sections in order to minimise travelling expenses, and the North Division will consist of the Boston Astros, New York Inter, Rochester Lancers and the Syracuse Scorpions.

In the South Division are the Washington Darts, Newark Sitch, Philadelphia National Ukrainians and the Philadelphia Spartans. While two teams in one city would hardly seem to be the ideal set-up, it could produce a strong rivalry and perhaps stimulate interest.

The Philadelphia Spartans played in the National Professional Soccer League in 1967, and although they lost their financial backing after that season a group of interested people attempted to salvage the franchise at the time of the formation of the NASL. This attempt ended in failure, however, when they failed to raise enough money to meet the performance bond.

Since that time the Spartans organisation has become stronger and made another bid for entry in the NASL last November but were rebuffed. Now this dedicated group has decided to throw in its lot with the ASL and it will be interesting to see how they fare in their meetings with the long-established Philadelphia National Ukrainians.

Besides playing the teams in their own section four times twice at home and twice on the road, the ASL clubs will meet the teams in the other section on a home and away basis. The champions of each division will meet in a play-off for the title at the end of the regular schedule.

As yet playing strengths in the league are hard to determine, but as the season draws nearer and clubs announce their signings, it is likely that the league will match the standards of the less successful NASL teams of last season.

The American Soccer League has also announced that Alex Loj will be its executive director on a full-time basis, and it will be the first time in its 36-year history that the ASL has made such an appointment. Mr. Loj worked on the publicity staff of the league last season as well as being a sports correspondent for the *Rochester Democrat*.

In the North American Soccer League the five teams who will compete in the international section of its operation this summer have been named. They are Aston Villa, Kilmarnock, Dundee United, West Ham, and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

These five teams will represent the cities of Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas, Baltimore and Kansas City respectively and play a total of 20 games between them. The schedule will open with West Ham at home to Wolves on May 2.

Although there is very little that is international about a competition involving five British teams the clubs will be playing for the "International Cup". International calls will surely dilute the playing strength of several of the clubs, and therefore American spectators are hardly likely to see the teams at their best.

In other North American news the California Clippers have played three games against Dynamo Kiev, the first on February 23 ended in the 3-2 win for the Russians on a rainy day in San Francisco before 11,000 fans. This was followed by two 1-0 wins for the Clippers, the first in Los Angeles and the second once again in San Francisco.

Evidence of an increasing interest in soccer in the United States is contained in an initial report to the USSFA from its development committee.

The State of Washington reports 61 new teams during the past season, the Ohio-Indiana area 17, Louisiana 10 and Missouri the surprising figure of 150. In Missouri the state football association reports that there are 44 junior teams, 52 juvenile teams and *721 midget teams* operating.

ARGENTINA SOCCER SCENE

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form after winning the 1968 Metropolitan First Division, but now they seem to have carried on where they left off last July. Starting the current campaign with a 5-0 win over Lanus, they are now the only one of 22 teams with full points after three games and top Section "A". Their good soccer, produced more by individual ability than pre-conceived plans, brings a refreshing change.

Boca Juniors, a point behind, play with two orthodox wingers this season—new buys Coch and Villagra—and are stronger in attack, having already scored eight goals. The defence, which only conceded one goal, is as safe as ever, but the mid-field is weaker without the Rattin-Gonzalez link-up. Newly acquired Raul Savoy hasn't yet found his feet in new surroundings.

River Plate, minus many of their star players (as mentioned above) jointly top Section "B", but their best performance was against eternal rivals, Boca Juniors (against whom they should have done better than tie 1-1), while the other leaders, Deportivo Moron, who are in the First Division for the first time, have shown only good team-work and defensive play.

The early meeting of champions, San Lorenzo (Metropolitan) and Velez Sarsfield (National), was exciting but produced little good soccer. San Lorenzo deserved the 1-0 win, but got it by means of a doubtful penalty. Unchanged Velez Sarsfield (the only club not to buy or sell during the close season) are not yet showing champion form except for Willington and he was well marked on this occasion.

The meeting of Racing Club and Estudiantes de La Plata, world champions of 1967 and 1968, was once again spoilt by rough, negative play. Rulli was sent off early on but ten-men Racing were the better team and won 2-0. Estudiantes still can't find the way to goal, even when dominating the mid-field as they have done in most of their games, but due to injuries (seven of the first team pool at Press time) they haven't been able to field a full team yet.

Hungarian News from

LESLIE VERNON

UJPEST HOPED FOR NEWCASTLE

HUNGARIAN football continues to be the greatest enigma on the international scene. While the people involved in the game there are complaining bitterly about declining standards, falling attendances, lack of discipline, etc., one of the leading club sides, Ujpesti Dozsa, are still capable of doing the double over English champions-elect, Leeds United!

I travelled up to Leeds with very little hope of witnessing an Ujpest victory, but the lilac and whites surprised not only me, but everybody else present—including the Leeds players—with a dazzling display.

A week later I spent a pleasant afternoon with Istvan Zsolt, the referee who was in charge of the England v. France international at Wembley. "What are you crying about?" I asked him. "Ujpest played brilliantly at Leeds, there can't be much wrong with your football."

"Don't you believe it," answered Zsolt with his usual wry sense of humour, "it was only an 'optical illusion', they never play like that at home." But it was not just an "optical illusion"; a week later Ujpest rubbed in their superiority with an easy 2-0 win against an admittedly depleted Leeds team.

What is the answer? It is undeniable that last season's League campaign was the most disgraceful in the entire history of Hungarian football. Bribery and corruption are not too strong words to describe it. But there had to be an immediate improvement in ethics, once some of the ills were brought into the open.

Hungarian coaches have always been exceptionally skilled and sought after everywhere. Bela Gutmann, Emil Oestereicher, Elek Schwarz are just a few who have achieved great successes abroad, but there are countless others. At present there are a handful of them working in Budapest who are just as capable as their predecessors were.

Lajos Baroti, the Ujpest coach, is one of them, and his tactical plans worked to perfection against Leeds.

The second factor is that Hungarian players have a great deal of natural ability, a flair for the game. With greater application under the guidance of people like Baroti, Lakat and Bukovi, Hungarian football should have a very bright present and an even more promising future.

The problem is how to persuade the players to work harder and lead more "restrained" lives. Hungarians like to play against English teams, because they believe that English football is still stereotyped and predictable.

On the day of the second leg of the Fairs Cup tie, there was an amusing drawing in one of the Budapest papers, showing the line-up of the two teams. The Ujpest players were drawn as ordinary human beings, and the Leeds players as robots! This might not be very flattering to Revie's boys, but it shows the mental approach of the foreigners when facing a British team.

Incidentally, Billy Bremner of all people confirmed the "robot" image during the game. Zambo played very well in the Elland Road match in a midfield semi-defensive role, but at home, of course, he reverted to his usual outside-left position. Bremner was told to mark Zambo, the midfield player in Budapest, and he spent the first 70 minutes of the match near the touch-line (!) unable to create openings for his forwards.

This kind of inflexibility has been accepted as typically English in Hungary—no wonder Baroti was hoping (in vain) for Newcastle in the semi-finals! Dozsa are also doing well in the League—eight points after four matches and an 11-1 goal average.

Antal Dunai, who was the top-scorer in '67 and '68, hasn't opened his account yet, but Bene and Gorocs have got three each so far. The first real derby of the season was the Vasas v. Ferencvaros clash at the Nepstadium. Newly signed Neil opened the scoring for Vasas in front of 30,000 people, in the 14th minute, but Albert converted a Branikovits pass just before the break. The second half was all Fradi and once again it was the idol of the fans, "Flori" Albert, who put his team in front. Substitute Vidats headed home a well-flighted corner in the last minute to equalise for Vasas (2-2).

The point was rather undeserved, but the result very much according to tradition. These teams have been well matched during the last 15 years, as the statistics show. Since 1954, they have met 30 times (always in the Nepstadium) and Ferencvaros have won ten times, Vasas nine times, and they drew 11 times. Goals—Ferencvaros 45, Vasas 44!

The green and whites are celebrating their 70th year of existence this season, and they are determined to achieve a hat-trick of League triumphs following their '67 and '68 successes. Their new stadium is still not ready, but to encourage their fickle fans, the ticket prices at the Nepstadium are substantially reduced.

Vasas also had a good start to the season—indeed they beat Tatabanya 7-0—their biggest victory ever away from home!

Puskas got four of the goals and Farkas three — all very heartening for their long-suffering coach, Illovszky.

The "big three" are already in their customary top positions, but the fourth place is occupied by a new name, Raba. They are none other than our old provincial friends, Gyor, who changed their name and apparently their luck! New coach, Meszaros, started off on a high note, and his signing, the ex-Vasas *enfant terrible*, Korsos, is playing really well. "Yes, but for how long?" ask the malicious know-alls.

I am not one of them, so just let's wait and see. . . .

League goals scored: 84.
Average per match: 2.62.

Top scorers

Albert (Ferencvaros), 6 goals; Puskas (Vasas), 6; Farkas (Vasas), 4; Korsos (Raba), 4; Stolcz (Raba), 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Ujpesti Dozsa	4	4	–	–	11	1	8
2. Vasas	4	3	1	–	13	2	7
3. Ferencvaros	4	3	1	–	13	5	7
4. Raba	4	2	1	1	11	3	5
5. Honved	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
6. Pecs	4	2	1	1	3	2	5
7. M.T.K.	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
8. Eger	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
9. Salgotarjan	4	2	–	2	3	3	4
10. Diosgyor	4	2	–	2	4	5	4
11. Komlo	4	1	1	2	2	4	3
12. Szombathely	4	1	1	2	4	9	3
13. Dunaujvaros	4	1	–	3	4	9	2
14. Csepel	4	1	–	3	2	6	2
15. Tatabanya	4	–	–	4	1	12	–
16. Egyetertes	4	–	–	4	1	14	–

FLORIAN ALBERT. (O)

ON REFLECTION

BY DAVID MILLER

AT the time of writing the main conclusions of the season seem to be that Leeds will, after four dour years of near misses, take the League championship; that Manchester City will beat Leicester to win the FA Cup; and that Derby will deservedly play next season in the First Division. Few would deny that these are fitting achievements—if concluded!—for the clubs concerned. What are the implications for the game, now and in the future?

To consider Leeds and Manchester City in the same breath, they represent totally different, one might almost say opposing, ideas and principles within the game, though both, of course, direct themselves primarily at one thing—success. But their routes are very different, and while many people would be ready to admire Leeds for their tenacity, endurance and professionalism, I am not alone in feeling that what Manchester have to offer the public at large, as opposed to their own supporters, is ultimately in the better interests of the game.

No one denies that Leeds have formidable qualities, but they are not designed to entertain. Put bluntly, Leeds would soon cease to be an attraction if they were not winning. This, of course, is the same for any team, but some have a quality which can endure lack of success far longer than others and it is this, as much and more than the single-mindedness that produces success, which generates a love of the game compared with merely a partisan interest. It is no accident, for example, that Manchester United again and again produce record home attendances for the clubs they visit in a way that Leeds or Arsenal, of the present era, can never do. The likes of Paul Madeley and Norman Hunter are great players *for Leeds* but they do not quicken the pulses of Lancashire and London.

Now Manchester City are possibly on the way to gaining something of the same reputation for flair as their illustrious neighbours United. What is exciting about City is that they have in successive seasons won the League and reached the Cup Final with football which is universally appealing. They not only benefit their own club but they enhance the game. The boy in the street in Birmingham or Battersea is more likely to picture himself as Francis Lee than Mick Jones. This is not necessarily to say that Lee is a more effective centre-forward than Jones, but in a game that boils with the emotion of identification Lee is the one who excites the imagination of the non-partisan.

City are now bracketed with West Ham as one of our most articulate teams, but they possess that competitive streak which West Ham lack. And it seems to me an insoluble problem which way a team should place its emphasis. Within the context of British football at the moment there is no doubt that fortune largely favours the brave, that it is better to be strong than cunning. Our referees all too often encourage such an attitude, and unless you are brave to the point of downright aggressiveness you are unlikely to win the League championship. But the fact is that West Ham have, for the size of their ground, just as good gates as Leeds without the glimmer of a hope of winning the title. So which is it better to be?

It would, I think be fair to say that in any one leg match on a neutral ground, with a referee who interpreted the rules as they are intended to be, West Ham would have an even chance against any of the best club sides in the world. This is because their game is essentially creative rather than destructive. Yet one could safely say that there is no great future for them in the present structure of British

soccer—which should be cause for concern. Manchester City, possibly, are managing to bridge the gap between brawn and brain. That they are doing so is against the trend and I cannot see that they have more than average prospects of repeating their League triumph of last year.

Of course, the story of both City and Leeds has been one of remarkable revival. Four years ago City were down to gates of under five figures as were Leeds two years before that. Now both are among the six most thriving clubs in the land, though rumour has it that City are still critically short of capital. No praise can be too high for the work of Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison at Maine Road and Don Revie at Elland Road, who took over clubs that were dying on their feet. Allison is probably one of the best coaches in Europe at this moment, and the most perceptive decision of the season, not to say the bravest, was to continue to play for a quarter of an hour in the Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park with only ten men while Doyle (*pictured A*) was off the field injured. Most managers in such a situation would have had the substitute on instantly, but Allison had the confidence in his players to hang on if there was the possibility of Doyle recovering.

It is this absence of safety-first, this spirit of adventure which it too often missing from the game these days—a spirit which one senses when watching Derby. I only hope the League computer gives them a reasonable opening fixture programme, which can make or break a promoted team.

Powell's startling progress

FROM Fourth Division football to the Second—from the obscurity of the Welsh Under 23's to the World Cup. David Powell's progress within the past 12 months has been sudden and startling.

From Wrexham to Sheffield United at the start of this season—from a Welsh unknown at the end of last season to something of an automatic choice. Amid all the depression of Welsh failure at international level during the last three years, Powell has become the most outstanding player to emerge from the debris of the totally inexperienced and incapable Under-23 team of season 1966-67.

Powell, of the fair hair and greyhound build, first played for Wales out of dire necessity—when the team chosen for last May's home match against West Germany was stripped by injury to two of its regular-choice defenders.

His baptism had been adequate without being exciting. But Wales remembered him when injury took a still more severe toll preparatory to the World Cup qualifying tie against Italy's European champions at Cardiff last October.

PETER JACKSON writes

For what was the beginning of the road to Mexico, Wales were really beaten before they started. No Gary Sprake, no Peter Rodrigues, no Terry Hennessey and no Mike England.

Team manager Dave Bowen hadn't a centre-half to call upon. Powell solved his problem and if the public had decided that Wales had no chance against the mighty Italians, then Powell for one wasn't giving up.

The job Wales asked of him at Ninian Park that night was to dominate Pietro Anastasi, Juventus centre-forward, whose £440,000 transfer makes him the costliest player in world football.

Powell did his job so well that the Italians substituted the more experienced Sandro Mazzola for Anastasi. "Reputations don't bother me in the slightest," says Powell. "I played against Anastasi the way I play against anyone. His fancy price tag wasn't on my mind."

After his performance against the Italians, a place simply had to be found somewhere for Powell. But the problem for Bowen was where to fit him in when Hennessey and England would both be available.

Powell was named at No. 10 for the West German game at Frankfurt in March, because Bowen believed the fearless Sheffield United half-back could supply the midfield "steel" to contrast with the creative skills of Barrie Hole and Barrie Jones.

England's late withdrawal from the West German game forced Bowen to use Powell as a defensive wing-half and call Alan Durban from Derby to complete the midfield trio.

Powell's response was to confirm opinion that he's in the Welsh team to stay. In his first three internationals he played against four of the Continent's best-known strikers —Anastasi, Mazzola of Italy, Sigi Held and Gerd Müller of West Germany.

John Toshack's Welsh senior baptism in Frankfurt made him the 50th player to be used by Wales in international combat since 1960. And Toshack made a promising beginning to what should be a lengthy national career.

For the Cardiff City striker, the first cap came four days after his 20th birthday. It came in strange contrast to his first representative appearance as a professional—at Molineux in October 1966.

That was the night of Under-23 embarrassment—a night when Young England overwhelmed Wales 8-0. Toshack was then 17, and a member of Cardiff's Welsh League side.

At Frankfurt when Wales were denied their first victory in an overseas international since 1958 by a German goal scored with the last kick of the game, Toshack was playing very much on merit as the Second Division's leading marksman.

Powell and Toshack—tangible evidence that while Wales isn't as productive a soccer nation as it used to be, there are at least two newcomers to spread a shaft of optimism.

JOHN TOSHACK. (BG)

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APRIL 7

FRANKFURT: Two West Germans playing for Italian clubs are in the squad of 22 players named here for West Germany's World Cup qualifying match against Scotland in Glasgow on April 16. They are Helmut Haller, who scored one of the goals when Juventus beat Naples yesterday, and full-back Karl Schnellinger, who plays for AC Milan. The 22 possible: Goalkeepers—Wolter (Eintracht Brunswick), Meir (Bayern Munich), Heinze (Stuttgart). Defence—Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich), Bella (Duisburg), Fichtel (Schalke 04), Hoettges (Werder Bremen, Lorenz (Werder Bremen), Patzke (Munich 1860), Schnellinger (AC Milan), Schulz (Hamburg SV), Vogts (Borussia Moenchengladbach), Weber (FC Cologne). Forwards — Doerfel (Eintracht Brunswick), Haller (Juventus), Held Borussia Dortmund), Heynckes (Hanover 96), Libuda (Schalke 04), Gerd Mueller (Bayern Munich) Ludwig Mueller (FC Nurnberg), Overath (FC Cologne), Rebele (Munich 1860).

ASUNCION (Paraguay): Penarol of Uruguay, twice world club champions, reached the semi-finals of the South American Championship by beating Paraguayan title-holders Olympia 1-0 here tonight. A goal by veteran Ermindo Onega five minutes into the second half sealed Olimpia's fate in the return tie. The Paraguayans surprisingly held Penarol to a draw in the first leg in Montevideo. Penarol, who have won the South American title three times, join defending champions Estudiantes de la Plata in the semi-finals. Six other teams are still battling for the other two semi-final berths.

APRIL 8

BERMUDA: German soccer coach Rudi Gutendorf (42) has turned down the job of national coach to the Bermuda Football Association. The association said today it had received a cable from Gutendorf advising that he would not be able to take up the appointment. It appeared that the association's announcement of Gutendorf's appointment was premature, as a Swiss newspaper last week reported that he had signed a contract with the West German First Division club Schalke 04 to last until 1971. The Bermuda position became vacant in February when the contract of former English professional Graham Adams was not renewed.

APRIL 9

RIO DE JANEIRO: Play was held up for 40 minutes after two players were sent off during a stormy international between former world champions Brazil and Peru here tonight. Trouble flared up just before half-time with the score at 2-2 when Brazilian midfield schemer Gerson and Pedro Gonzales received their marching orders after an incident. Soon both teams were engaged in a free-for-all and the match was halted. It took a personal appeal and assurances by Jean Havellange, the Brazilian Sports Confederation president, before the Peruvians agreed to resume. The match resulted in a 3-2 victory for Brazil.

HUBBLE, bubble, toil and trouble for French football, surely going through the most traumatic time in its history. The international team manager resigned a few days before England thrashed France at Wembley, and plans to reform the structure of the game in France have been ludicrously retrogressive and have received widespread criticism.

Louis Dugauguez, French team manager since July 7, 1967, resigned ten days before the England game with the unenviable distinction of being in charge during one of the worst periods anyone could remember. In terms of results, and counting the England game for which Dugauguez virtually picked the team, France have lost five and drawn three of ten matches—including a disastrous 1-0 home defeat by Norway's amateur side.

Dugauguez's official reason for handing in his resignation was that the French team were not given long enough to practice together. The team that played at Wembley only assembled on the previous Monday afternoon, flying straight to London and thence to their hotel at Welwyn Garden City. Most of the players took part in the quarter-finals of the French Cup on the previous Sunday, which Dugauguez wanted brought forward to Friday to allow time for a full-scale practice. With the professional game in such a perilous position, the French FA were unwilling to risk poor gates by agreeing to such a move.

One feels that Dugauguez was looking for a reason to relinquish his contract, which was due to expire in December 1970. He must have known that there was little or no chance of getting his players together earlier, and that any ultimatum he issued could have only one result. The plain truth was that Dugauguez feared the worst happening at Wembley, and preferred to bow out before the storm rather than go down before the inevitable fury of recriminations. It was clear to everyone after the game that the French team lacked something in every department—in terms of skill, stamina, tactical ability and general morale. Their ideas were out of date, and they played like a team struggling to get into the 20th century.

FRANCE

So the task of choosing the team fell on Georges Boulogne, who had had his chance to become French team manager on previous occasions, but had never relished the job. His principal duty has been to organise the French Council of Physical Recreation, a duller but infinitely more secure occupation. His appointment can only be, at best, until the end of the present season—leaving the French team headless and (as one newspaper put it) almost limbless as well.

The French football federation council spent hours in closed session discussing a new plan for the league to check falling gates and reduce overheads. Instead of the present First Division of 18 clubs and Second Division of 21 clubs, both fully national, they propose:

A First Division in two geographical groups, divided from east to west, of either 14 or 16 clubs;

A Second Division of three geographical groups, each with 14 clubs;

An inter-league championship, rather on the lines of the Scottish League Cup, with six groups of 12 clubs in the early stages—perhaps followed by a straight knock-out competition;

A play-off for the league championship between the top two clubs in each of the First Division geographical groups.

To put it mildly, any scheme which envisages France going back to regional football after more than 35 years with a proper national championship, would seem a most incredible folly. The daily sports paper *L'Equipe*, the architects of the European Cup and strong advocates of a European League, were beside themselves with fury. They said the plan would be an "abortion", of which the federation council members themselves appeared to be ashamed. It has still to go through an extraordinarily general assembly of the federation in the first week of May, and is emphatically an *experiment* designed to last only two years. But with such an ailing patient, any drastic operation seems likely to risk him dying under the anæsthetic—however gently administered.

Whether or not the plan goes through, it seems likely that Paris, at long last, will again have a First Division club. Strong financial backing is now possible for an entirely new organisation following the enthusiastic response to a recent poll. Favourable replies totalled 61,217, more than 45,000 of them from the Paris area. Over one-third of the votes wanted the name to be FC Paris. An impressive total, but as for FC Paris getting gates of 45,000 . . . well, I'll believe it when I see it.

Roger Macdonald's WORLD DIARY

ELIMINATED

On paper France still have a chance of qualifying for the 1970 World Cup. But Spain are definitely eliminated, a bitter disappointment after qualifying in 1966, and their team manager has also departed. He was Dr. Eduardo Toba, the third Spanish coach to resign in as many seasons. Faced by mounting criticism that Spanish football is crippled by archaic defensive tactics and inadequate, unimaginative training, he gave up his position

VALERY VORONIN. (O)

of sole selector shortly before a recent international against Switzerland.

Lacking an immediate replacement, the Spanish FA have appointed the managers of Real Madrid, Las Palmas and Barcelona—Miguel Munoz, Luis Molowny and Salvador Artigas respectively—as an emergency committee of trainer-selectors for the national side. Even granting their ability, judging by their clubs' position at the top of the Spanish League, such a committee can only work on a short-term basis. None of them seems likely to be prepared to accept divided responsibility, and a clash of temperament would be almost inevitable. The problem for the Spanish FA, therefore, is to find a viable alternative when the present season ends on June 30.

And yet another national team manager in the news—Ignacio Trelles, of Mexico. He was suspended for two First Division matches (being barred from the ground even for training sessions) after a series of incidents at the game between his club, Toluca and Universidad. Trelles told one of his players, Tomas Reynoso, to stay on the field after he had been sent off by the referee, Javier Orozco Avila. The tribunal found that Avila had been in error, and because he failed to report the incidents correctly, they suspended him for three months. But Trelles also received a suspension because, argued the committee, he should have accepted the referee's decision.

Trelles nevertheless took charge of the Mexican party which went on a tour of Europe last month, taking in seven countries. The only untried player in a party of 18 was goalkeeper Francisco Castrejon, who played outstandingly for Universidad during the last championship. He was included in preference to Antonio Mota, Mexico's regular goalkeeper during the last World Cup.

Still in Mexico, one businessman pulled a fast one on the World Cup organising committee. Juan Bautista Peimbert registered the words "Jules Rimet Cup" and "1970 World Soccer Championship" with the industry and commerce department on September 13, 1966, as trademarks for his own exclusive use. His action went unnoticed until the Mexican FA requested a similar registration and found it had already been copyrighted by Peimbert. The dispute has now gone to the courts, but in the meantime the World Cup organising committee cannot use the words registered by Peimbert, even on their letterheads.

A casual mention in the Russian daily *Sovietsky Sport* in an article discussing Moscow Torpedo's prospects for the season—"By the way, Valery Voronin is training successfully and consistently and we are counting on him"—was all the world at large were told about Voronin's remarkable recovery. Last summer he was taken to hospital with head and leg injuries after a car accident, and it was widely believed he would never play again. But Voronin is now back in action for his club, and at 30, must still be in the running for an international place.

All in all, Voronin has had an eventful year. He was captain of the national side before he was dropped for excessive drinking, a disciplinary measure subsequently extended to his club after further incidents in Moscow night clubs. He had been restored to favour for only a few months when he was involved in a spectacular car crash on the eve of the finals of the European championship. It is too early to say whether Voronin is still a formidable player, but Russia, hard pressed by Northern Ireland in their World Cup group, are finding him difficult to replace.

LINESMEN

A crisis in the Cypriot League occurred when British referees and linesmen refused to take charge of league games—they still supply 80 per cent of the total officials from service units.

The trouble arose from an incident in which a British referee was attacked by a Cypriot footballer. But the Cypriot FA judicial committee eventually decided to suspend him indefinitely and the British officials have now agreed to carry on . . . but not regardless.

INELIGIBLE

The African Club Cup has gone to Engelbert of Congo-Kinshasha for the second successive year—rather remarkable, when one recalls that they survived an early round only because their opponents fielded an ineligible player and were subsequently disqualified.

The final, against Gabon's Etoile Filante, was also remarkable. Engelbert won the first leg 5-0 and seemed home and dry. But in the second leg at Lome, Gabon, the Etoile side found their true form in front of a 20,000 crowd. They led 4-0 at half-time, Kaolo and Ananou each scoring twice, and Engelbert were down for a count of nine. But in the second half they pulled themselves together, Kalonzo got a goal back, and they scraped through on a 6-4 aggregate.

KIDNAP

A bizarre month for Pietro Anastasi, the world's most expensive player, who broke a finger in training for Juventus and had to be followed everywhere by a police bodyguard because of threats by students to kidnap him.

Students of the *Superior Institute of Gymnastics* issued a statement in which they threatened to kidnap Anastasi and his teammate, Ernesto Castano, and to keep them in their own special brand of *retiro* until after Juventus's next league match, the local derby against Torino. Their object was to draw public attention to their school problems.

The police took the threat seriously, because the students had already occupied two gymnasiums in Milan and Turin the previous week and stopped two big basketball matches being played. So the players were accompanied even during training to prevent incidents. Anastasi commented: "I'm used to being closely watched during matches, but this is the first time I've been closely marked off the pitch too."

PRESTIGE

Just how insignificant the Fairs Cup is in terms of real prestige was perhaps illustrated by Cologne, who found that their German League fixtures were piling up, and promptly scratched from the quarter-finals. They had been the last club to reach the final eight, beating Randers Freja of Denmark 5-1 on aggregate.

Of course the prospect of playing another relatively insignificant side may have influenced their decision—the Randers game attracted only 22,000 spectators at Cologne. They were due to play Goztepe Izmir of Turkey, who instead qualified to meet Ujpest Dozsa. Even now the final is by no means sure to be played this season, and the competition is still primarily motivated by love of money, not by the prize at stake.

TO GO REGIONAL

SUDDEN

A sad day for AS Roma, whose leading scorer this season, Giuliano Taccola, died suddenly while watching his club draw no score at Cagliari. Taccola, aged only 25, had his tonsils out on February 5 and spent a month convalescing before he returned to the first team on March 5, against Sampdoria of Genoa. Helenio Herrera took him off during the second half because he showed signs of distress, and he was only a reserve for the following match in Sardinia, which he watched against his doctor's advice.

He complained of pains in his throat and suddenly collapsed, and died in the ambulance taking him to hospital in spite of attempts at mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Apart from tonsillitis, Taccola had also been suffering from 'flu, and he had an unsuspected heart condition.

Taccola was born at Uliveto Terme, near Pisa, and first played football for Genoa. He joined Roma in 1967 and had scored seven goals for them this season. He leaves a widow and two children, a girl and a boy, for whom Roma have opened a special fund.

Decline since the 1958 boom period

MOST capped players:

Roger Marche (RC Paris)	63
Robert Jonquet (Reims)	58
Etienne Mattler (Sochaux)	46
Raymond Kopa (Reims)	45
Jean Vincent (Reims)	45
Jean-Jacques Marcel (Marseille)	44
Edmond Delfour (RC Paris)	41
Jules Devaquez (Marseille)	41
Armand Penverne (Reims)	39
Roger Piantoni (Reims)	38
Raymond Kaelbel (RC Strasbourg)	35
Paul Nicolas (Red Star)	35

On balance the French have played as many international matches as anyone yet only two players have reached the half-century mark in appearances. Roger Marche, left-back and captain of the French squad in the '50s, served the now defunct Racing Club de Paris loyally after joining them from Reims and was rewarded with a string of caps despite the fact that his club spent a considerable time in Division II. Known affectionately as the "old warhorse" towards the end of his playing days, Marche played only once during France's unexpected success in the 1958 World Cup, but is one of eight men in the most-capped list who were in the party.

Robert Jonquet, centre-half of Reims, was an elegant player and with Kopa, Vincent, Penverne and Piantoni, provided a Reims backbone for the team of 1958. Raymond Kopa, who starred with Reims before and after 1958, was at the time with Real Madrid and completing the Reims contribution to the French success was coach Albert Batteux, now with French champions Saint Etienne.

Perhaps the most important member of that 1958 party was Paul Nicolas. Albert Batteux would insist that he was, although he earned all his caps in the '20s and travelled to Sweden as FA member in charge. Without ever interfering, M. Nicolas remained calm and relaxed during victory and defeat and gave the French squad a stability they have lacked ever since his tragic death in a road accident a few months after the return from Sweden.

The only player on the most capped list still active is Raymond Kaelbel, who spent a brief period with AS Monaco but is now back with Racing Strasbourg, the club he has served for more than 15 seasons.

That so few players have amassed a large number of caps—barring those brought together for the World Cup of 1958—is largely due to the frequency with which the FA has appointed new overseers of their representative team. An unsuccessful national team is invariably changed for the next match. Over a short period many players are capped once or twice and then excluded and then within two years a new selector is appointed who begins the process again.

The current squad:	Age	Caps
Georges Carnus (St. Etienne)	28	10
Marcel Aubour (OGC Nice)	28	20
Jean Djorkaeff (Marseille)	29	24
Jean-Paul Rostagni (Monaco)	21	1
Roger Lemerre (RCP-Sedan)	27	2
Bernard Bosquier (St. Etienne)	26	24
Joseph Bonnell (Marseille)	29	25
Jacques Simon (Bordeaux)	27	15
Henri Michel (Nantes)	21	5
Yves Herbert (RSC Anderlecht)	24	9
Charles Loubet (Nice)	22	11
Georges Bereta (St. Etienne)	22	6
Herve Revelli (St. Etienne)	22	5
Bernard Blanchet (Nantes)	25	8
Jean Baeza (Red Star)	26	8
Robert Herbin (St. Etienne)	29	23
Fleury Di Nallo (Lyon)	24	9

Perhaps the only member of the current squad who can hope to match the records of the most capped players of the past is Bernard Bosquier. Herbin, Djorkaeff and Bonnell, all five years older, have similar totals to date but have all found that their particular style of play does not appeal to some of the men who have assumed responsibility for the national squad. Only Bosquier, a calm, constructive and intelligent stopper, has been consistently capped. In the recent match at Wembley against England, Bosquier was the only French defender who did not seem to be out of his class.

Fleury Di Nallo, the diminutive inside-left from Lyon, has been included despite the fact that he is currently nursing a broken leg. Assuming that he recovers completely from his injury then he, too, could make a considerable contribution to the French national team in the future.

Playing Record

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Argentina	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Austria	14	6	1	7	27	33	13
Belgium	57	17	14	26	99	136	48
Brazil	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Bulgaria	9	4	1	4	19	11	9
Chile	2	1	0	1	6	1	2
Czechoslovakia	11	3	0	8	13	22	6
Denmark	2	0	0	2	1	26	0
England	28	5	3	20	32	121	13
(includes matches against England's amateurs)							
Finland	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Germany (West)	11	4	4	3	23	25	12
Greece	2	1	1	0	8	2	3
Hungary	13	2	1	10	16	40	5
Iceland	2	2	0	0	13	1	4
N. Ireland	6	3	1	2	14	7	7
Republic of Ireland	3	2	1	0	7	4	5
Italy	24	3	5	16	32	68	11
Lithuania	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
Luxembourg	10	9	0	1	48	10	18
Mexico	3	2	1	0	8	4	5
Netherlands	11	4	0	7	24	40	8
Norway	4	2	0	2	2	3	4
Paraguay	1	1	0	0	7	3	2
Poland	5	3	1	1	13	7	7
Rumania	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Scotland	7	2	0	5	6	10	4
Spain	15	3	3	9	14	42	9
Sweden	5	2	0	3	4	3	4
Switzerland	26	11	6	9	49	49	28
USSR	4	1	2	1	9	10	4
Uruguay	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Wales	3	2	1	0	9	3	5
Yugoslavia	18	5	4	9	27	34	14

NATIONAL COACH

The man currently in charge is Georges Boulogne, appointed to see out the season after Louis Dugauguez resigned 11 days before the recent England-France match. Until then M. Boulogne's biggest task was that of steering the French Youth team past Holland and into the final stages of the 1969 UEFA tournament.

But to describe him as the national coach would be a mistake. In fact the French haven't got one and have not had the right kind of man in charge since Albert Batteux's success in 1958.

France's problems are much the same as those confronting all national teams, for apart from some East European countries where club interests are always placed second to the needs of the national team, it has become increasingly difficult to persuade clubs to release their players for the necessary preparation. Thus it is that knowing he will be unable to command the

Jackie Charlton beats French goalkeeper Carnus to a corner but his header went wide in the recent international. (A)

MICROSCOPE

Fourth in a series by

ERIC BATTY

FRANCE

presence of his players for lengthy periods, the best coaches steer well shy of the national team job.

The only alternative, given the fact that inadequate time will be granted for preparation, will be to choose players who have been given a similar conception of the game by their club coaches. This is true throughout the world, but as the well of understanding in the techniques of the game becomes deeper, the gulf between the good coaches (a bare handful scattered throughout the world) and the rest, becomes wider and wider still. It has reached a point where it is almost impossible to name a representative side which will produce a closely-knit and integrated team-approach on the first occasion they take the field together ... unless all the players are chosen from one club. This, however, is a common problem everywhere the game is played.

But for the French there are special handicaps which stem from the pathetic attendances which their professional clubs draw. The financial crisis shows no sign of abatement and while the clubs get poorer —staving off the inevitable by selling advertising space on the players' shirts— the players themselves seek to augment their incomes with second jobs outside the game. This, of course, makes it doubly difficult to call the players together for training with the national team.

FRANCE'S BOOM PERIOD

That the French game has ever had a boom-period is due almost entirely to one club, the amateur Stade de Reims, which came to the fore towards the end of the Second World War and dominated the game for a decade. While their rivals attempted to follow the examples set in Italy and Spain by engaging South American players, Reims concentrated on developing French youngsters. Between 1949 and 1962 Reims captured the championship six times and the FA Cup twice. In addition they also took the Latin Cup in 1953, twice reached the European Cup Final and provided the greater part of the French team which took third place in the 1958 World Cup.

In the World Series staged in Sweden, the French recovered from an early 2-3 defeat against Yugoslavia to reach the quarter-finals and eliminated Scotland (2-1) and Northern Ireland (4-0). In the semi-finals they might well have pulled off a major surprise, for when centre-forward Just Fontaine was injured in the match against Brazil, he had already put France ahead. With ten men and Fontaine a passenger the French finally went down 5-2 to Brazil, who went on to win the trophy, while France took third place, beating West Germany 6-3 in the losers' final.

Throughout the competition, the quality of the French game and their tremendous morale were features which marked the series. The return of Raymond Kopa, then mid-way through his term with Real Madrid, provided the spark of genius needed in midfield and Fontaine, who hit an all-time record 13 goals in the series, turned the craft of Kopa and Piantoni into goals.

Not long afterwards the Reims school crashed in ruins when Club Presidente M. Henri Germain finally decided that he could no longer afford to carry the club financially. Without help from any other quarter he had built up the club until their team was on a par with any that the rest of Europe could produce, but when the financial pressures became too great M. Germain quit and the club was finally relegated to Division II.

Since then there has been only one comparable club on which *l'equipe de France* could be based. This is AS Saint Etienne, whose coach, Albert Batteux, held the same position with Reims in their heyday. But none of the national coaches appointed by the FA during the period of Saint Etienne's ascendancy has been able to bring out the best of this club's players.

The future appears bleak indeed, for club after club is threatened with extinction as the financial pressures mount. The players, whose salaries have been pegged back while living costs soared, are understandably not prepared to devote themselves fully to the French game. While the French as a nation complain unanimously each time their national team fails, the public as individuals decline to support the game.

In recent years Paris has lost two First Division clubs, the famous Racing Club and Stade Francais. Both were wound up because of poor support, yet on several occasions the French have turned out to fill the Parc des Princes and the Stade Colombes for European Cup games between two foreign clubs. For example, Real Madrid-Juventus and Ajax-Benfica.

ALTHOUGH the Mexican tour of Europe began last month, the bulk of the matches are scheduled to take place in May. For national selector-coach Ignacio Trelles it is likely to be a trying time for recent poor results against West Germany (drawn) and Italy drawn and lost—all in Mexico—appear to indicate that the conditions in Mexico are not sufficient to give them a clear advantage. In Europe the Mexicans have always struggled against first class opposition and if some of their tour opponents are hardly that, the games lined up will be a severe test for them. Trelles himself has been reported for some time past to be less than happy. The recent reverses no doubt

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contribute to his unease but persistent rumours will not help his peace of mind, particularly those which suggest that the Mexican FA have already signed a contract with his successor!

No one I know who was in Mexico for the Olympics has complained about the organisation or press facilities, but if things appear to go smoothly, occasional flurries of excitement suggest that beneath the surface hidden snags may be found. This thought comes to mind following the controversy with the Belgian FA over television. Remembering the BBC fracas over their being frozen out of the World Cup TV rights, the most recent boob suggests that someone in Mexico needs his knuckles rapped.

Apparently the Belgian FA signed a TV agreement for their match in Brussels against the tourists and this included transmission rights not only for Belgians but also to a Mexican channel. Another Mexican TV company had already signed an agreement with the Mexican FA to screen ALL their tour games. For matches to be staged in European countries it seems unlikely that the Mexican FA had any TV rights to sell, but when the double-deal came to light the Mexicans threatened to cancel their Heysel Stadium date unless the Belgians scrapped their Mexican TV deal.

As the weeks pass, Mexico looms up ever closer and for several countries this month's fixtures provide the moment of truth. The Switzerland, Greece, Portugal, Rumania struggle should clarify itself somewhat, probably with victories for Portugal and Switzerland who are at home. The Greek Government has joined their FA to provide hefty bonuses for their World Cup squad, should they qualify. The Portuguese have an ageing Coluna, an ineffective Eusebio and a suspended Torres and consequently plenty of forward problems but if their flourishing professional game cannot produce new faces good enough to beat Greece in Lisbon, they surely don't deserve to reach the final rounds for the second time.

The Czechs, jubilant at having twice beaten Russia in the World Ice-Hockey championships will be more eager than ever to qualify for the 1970 World Cup. With Spartak Trnava and Slovan Bratislava through to the semi-finals of the European Cup and the Cup Winners Cup it seems that the Czech game is more firmly based than at any time since 1962 when the Czechs reached the World Cup final.

Early in the month Jozef Marko takes his squad to Dublin where two years ago the Czechs won a European Nations cup-tie. Since then, however, the Irish squad have sneaked a 2-1 win over the Czechs in Prague which will not add anything to the visitors' confidence. Though the game at Dalymount Park will be a big test for the Czechs the key match comes at the end of the month with the visit to Budapest. To be sure the Hungarians have their problems—notably the absence of a top class goalkeeper and a lack of serviceable wingers to match the skilful forward play of Bene, Farkas and Albert. But while the Czechs have done well in recent clashes with Hungary and the Hungarians themselves appear more than a little perturbed, I myself have serious doubts about the Czechs' chances of escaping without defeat.

Holland have a vital match at home to Poland, who on occasions have shown they can be a match for anyone. But the Poles almost outstanding at times can also be easy meat and much depends on the team chosen by Polish tecnico Ryszchard Koncewiecz. Lubanski of course can be a match-winner anywhere but so too can Ajax centre-forward Cruyff—if Dutch coach George Kessler can bury the hatchet. A recent public opinion poll gave a 100% vote to Cruyff and if Kessler leaves him out and fails to win, it could mean the end of his contract. In that event the biggest advantage will fall to Bulgaria who have the edge at the moment, having already beaten Holland in Sofia but with the return game still to come.

Francis Lee of Manchester City will doubtless be hoping for a place in the England team during the month of May. (W1)

West Germany also have two World Cup fixtures this month at home to Austria and Cyprus. Much will depend on the result of the Hampden clash, of course, but this month's games should provide Helmut Schon with four easy points, while the Scots can also grab a hat-full of goals at home to the Cypriots.

The Austria game is being staged at Nurnberg close to the frontier—no doubt in the hope that a great number of Austrians will help boost the gate. Nurnberg fans might well reject the game, however, for their recent experience with Austrian coach Max Merkel and Alfred Korner (his assistant) in charge of 1st FC Nurnberg will hardly endear the Austrians to them. After winning the championship for Nurnberg in 1968, the club has spent the greater part of this season struggling to avoid relegation and at the time of writing they are right at the bottom of the table. It would be ironic if the Cyprus game should pull in a bigger gate at Essen, staging an international match for the first time in many years.

The British championship is being staged for the first time at the end of the season in accord with proposals I put forward ten years ago in *Soccer Star*. The experiment should prove successful for spread over only one week the matches will obviously stir up greater interest than when "excitement" is spread over many months. For England, almost guaranteed a substantial attendance at Wembley whenever they play nowadays the difference will not really be noticeable. The Scotland match is a guaranteed sell-out anyway because of the manner in which tickets are distributed via the English County Football Associations but greater interest should benefit the Welsh and Irish FA's who depend very largely on receipts from the visits of England and Scotland for their existence.

MONTH AHEAD

1	Sweden v. Mexico	Malmo
3	Wales v. Scotland	Cardiff
3	N. Ireland v. England	Belfast
4	Norway v. Mexico	Oslo
4	Portugal v. Greece	Lisbon*
4	Eire v. Czechoslovakia	Dublin*
7	England v. Wales	Wembley
7	Scotland v. N. Ireland	Glasgow
7	Holland v. Poland	Rotterdam*
7	Denmark v. Mexico	Copenhagen
10	N. Ireland v. Wales	Belfast
10	England v. Scotland	Wembley
10	West Germany v. Austria	Nurnberg*
14	Switzerland v. Rumania	Lausanne*
14	Yugoslavia v. Hungary	Belgrade
17	Scotland v. Cyprus	Glasgow*
21	West Germany v. Cyprus	Essen*
22	Sweden v. Finland	Vaxjo
24	Italy v. Bulgaria	Florence
25	Hungary v. Czechoslovakia	Budapest*
29	Denmark v. Eire	Copenhagen*

by ERIC BATTY

ESTUDIANTES DE LA PLATA became the first holders of the Inter-American Cup by beating Toluca, of Mexico, the winners of the Central, Caribbean and North American Champion Clubs Tournament.* The fact that three games had to be played (Estudiantes won 2-1 in Mexico, lost 1-2 at home and won the replay at Montevideo 3-0) would seem to indicate a tough contest, but it wasn't really so.

TOLUCA ALMOST THERE

from **ERIC WEIL**

Toluca goalkeeper Lopez couldn't reach the ball and Flores scored straight from a corner to put Estudiantes one up in the final game, which they won 3-0. (EW)

Estudiantes, the "world champions" who beat European Cup holders, Manchester United, to gain the title last year, went to Mexico for the first leg after only seven games in a friendly international tournament at Mar del Plata (reported in last month's WORLD SOCCER) following their close season rest. They hadn't shown good form while Toluca, champions of Mexico for the last two years, were lying third in the current campaign.

Estudiantes didn't expect to win, but they found it easier than they thought in spite of feeling the effects of the altitude in the second half. Conigliaro had given them a great start with a 90-seconds goal. Linares's equaliser 20 minutes later looked very much off-side, but Bilardo's 31-minute goal was enough to give the Argentine team victory.

This made Estudiantes too confident for the second game. Coach Osvaldo Zubeldia said that this was a characteristic of all Argentine teams and Estudiantes couldn't avoid it either, but he contributed to the downfall by giving his players three days' rest on their return from Mexico with the second leg only six days away, while Toluca continued full training.

Defensive mistakes

Estudiantes again found it easy from the start, scored through Veron after 16 minutes and missed more chances, but not only did their forwards fail, their famed defence made mistakes, especially Aguirre Suarez, which let Toluca in twice in the second half. Toluca wasted time in the second half, Estudiantes followed suit although it was not to their advantage, but Conigliaro missed the equaliser which would have given the match a fairer result.

The Argentines were simply back to normal in the play-off at Montevideo. They didn't play exceptionally well, but didn't let Toluca move. Conigliaro stood out and scored twice.

We know all about Estudiantes. They haven't changed since beating Manchester United and the two players bought during the close season, goalkeeper Errea and forward Rudzki, haven't lined up in the first team yet.

Toluca, Mexican champions during 1966/7 and 1967/8 seasons and coached by national team manager, Ignacio Trelles, play the same style as the national team, using 4-2-4 and 4-3-3.

Their goalkeeper, Florentino Lopez, a Spaniard who started with Real Madrid, stands out for his positioning, reflexes and safe hands. Brazilian, Waldemar Rodriguez, and Jorge Arevalo are the centre-backs, while Jose Vantolra and Jose Estrada mark the wings. This back line is good at building up attacks quickly. Half, Tomas Reynoso, helps the defence, Felipe Ruvalcaba, organises play while Juan Dosal is generally up supporting his centre-forward. The two latter are the best shots in the team. In attack—Albino Morales generally plays along the line, good at dribbling, cutting in fast and shooting with both feet; Francisco Linares is the ideal classical centre-forward, strong, good at heading and shooting from all angles; Vicente Pereda is on the other wing, also good at ball control and passing. Vantolra, Pereda and Morales are in the current national team.

The Sausage-makers

Toluca, from the town of the same name about 40 miles from Mexico City, nicknamed "Los Chorizeros" (The Sausage-makers), only entered professional soccer in season 1950/1, when the Mexican Second Division was formed, and won promotion in season 1952/3. During the last three seasons their reserve team has also won its respective championship.

We shall probably hear more of Toluca.

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*Toluca were declared winners by the North, Central and Caribbean Football Confederation, although the final was never played. Transvaal (Surinam) beat Aurora (Guatemala) in the other semi-final, but included two players who were apparently not registered. The Confederation thus expelled Transvaal from the tournament, but didn't allow beaten Aurora to go into the final either.

NEWS FROM URUGUAY

Exodus reversed

THE usual exodus of Uruguayan players to Argentina was reversed slightly this year by Montevideo clubs Peñarol and Nacional. As usual, Peñarol plunked for experience and didn't lower the team's high average age when they eagerly snapped up Buenos Aires club River Plate's "star cast-offs", Ermindo Onega and Uruguayan Roberto Matosas for £36,000 and £25,000 respectively, as well as Alfredo Rojas from Boca Juniors, while Nacional brought back another Uruguayan, Cubillas, from River Plate for £36,000. Fewer Uruguayan players crossed the river to Buenos Aires also (reports ERIC WEIL).

But meanwhile Peñarol are having trouble with their most popular player, Pedro Rocha, who was suspended after walking out of the club's training camp, Los Aromas, before an important South American Champions Cup game. Money is at the root of the trouble. Rocha, who hadn't renewed his contract, told the Press that Peñarol owed him £1,000 in back wages and bonuses. Thus rumours started again that Rocha will soon be away.

Most surprising news from Uruguay is that veteran World Cup referee, Esteban Marino, who had charge of two of the turbulent Racing-Celtic struggles in 1967 and spent most of the time telling the Racing players what to do, has exchanged the whistle for the trainer's bench. He took over Montevideo club, Cerro, among the stronger of the small clubs, at the beginning of the year.

Meanwhile Argentine-born Juan Hohberg, top goal-scorer with Peñarol and the Uruguayan national team until 1960 and up to now Rampla Juniors' coach, has taken over as national team manager.

FANTASTIC!

Focus on SPARTAK TRNAVA by Stuart Shaw

SPARTAK TRNAVA, an unknown Second Division club in Czechoslovakia five seasons ago, have reached the semi-finals of the European Champions Cup and are at the threshold of a modern footballing fairy story.

In the last five years their achievements have been unheralded, but are nonetheless little short of sensational for all that. If their success can be traced to one man then he is Anton Malatinsky the club's coach who took over in 1963 and worked a small-scale soccer miracle. Within a year Trnava had won promotion to the First Division. In their first season they finished tenth, the next term they were sixth, and in 1966-67 they came a creditable third—but last season Trnava surpassed even this by winning the Czechoslovakian title. In addition Spartak won the domestic cup competition in 1967 and competed in the Cup Winners Cup.

Here after they had eliminated Lausanne, Trnava were knocked out by Moscow Torpedo. But this wasn't all. Trnava reached the final of the Mitropa Cup in 1967 and beat Ujpest Dozsa for the trophy. Last year Trnava made a good effort to retain it, losing in the final to Red Star Belgrade.

Malatinsky's fame spread, and having made his mark was anxious to move up the ladder. Nearby Austria beckoned, and at the end of last season he went to coach a club there.

The team which he had built remains and is now being led by Jan Hucko, a man who was previously in charge of Inter Bratislava. Naturally he has his own ideas but as yet there is no sign that his methods are any less successful than Malatinsky's, because Trnava are in the semi-final and are still leading the Czechoslovakian League with points to spare.

Founded: 1925. **Honours:** Champions 1967-68. Cup Winners 1966-67. Mitropa Cup winners 1967. **Manager:** Jan Hucko. **European Cup appearances this season:** Geryk 4, Kozinka 2; Dobias 6, Majernik 6, Jarabek 5, Bozik 1, Hagara 6; Hrusecky 6, Kuna 6; Martinkovic 6, Kravarik 1, Adamec 5, Kabat 5, Svec 5, Fandel 2. **Subs:** Farkas 1, Fandel 1. **Scorers:** Adamec 5, Svec 5, Kabat 3, Dobias 3, Hagara 2, Kuna 2, Hrusecky 2, Martinkovic 1, Jarabek 1.

It must be said that Trnava's journey to the semi-final has not been a particularly hazardous one. Apart from losing the first leg in Bucharest against Steaua 3-1, Trnava were not extended until their quarter-final against AEK Athens. After only establishing a 2-1 lead at home, Trnava managed to hold their opponents 1-1 in Athens.

The club's most famous player is 27-year-old international inside-forward Jozef Adamec. When Malatinsky was in charge he did much to improve Adamec's finishing and the player was top scorer in the championship for two seasons.

Other contemporary internationals are full-backs 21-year-old Karol Dobias and Vladimir Hagara, four years his senior, midfield schemer Ladislav Kuna (22) and 24-year-old outside-left Dusan Kabat (24). Another international player is centre-back Stanislav Jarabek, who at 30 captained the Czech Olympic team in Mexico. Kamil Majernik (25) is another defender with international appearances.

Completing the side are midfield player Anton Hrusecky (29) and strikers Stanislav Martinkovic and Valerian Svec, at 33 the club's veteran performer. In goal there are Jozef Geryk (26) and Frantisek Kozinka vying for the position.

A heading duel between a Spartak Trnava (white shirt) player and one from AEK Athens during their European Cup match in Athens this month. (UPI)

George is the toast of Sydney

by Andrew Dettre

A RECORD of some sorts was created by ex-Trammere star George Yardley, now back in Australia. Playing in the first round of the new season for his club, St. George-Budapest, the amiable Scot slammed in six fully professional goals—five in the first-half—against a mesmerised Yugal, helping his team to a sizeable 11-1 victory.

Yardley's incredible display was the best individual effort in Sydney soccer for eight years. The appreciative crowd gave him a standing ovation at half-time with a rhythmic "Yard-ley" chant and applause.

"I can't remember whether I've ever scored six in a match," George said somewhat unconcerned after the match. "Could have as a junior. But it was nice to start off with a bang, as I finished off in England, scoring twice against Hartlepool in my last official match.

Not to be completely outdone, St. George's recently-arrived English winger, Mike Denton from Cambridge City, netted four goals in the same match. Yardley and Denton now form one of the most deadly pair of strikers in Aussie soccer.

But a great deal of the spadework for them is being done by two extremely talented, industrious mid-fielders. One of them is ex-Chelsea and Romford player Dave Cliss who, at 27, might be fulfilling his very early promise and by John Warren, captain of the Australian team who recently spent five months with Stockport training, attending coaching classes and learning about administration.

Sydney's Saints will go places this year—that much is certain. And Big George may set a new scoring record for Australia, something that twice narrowly eluded him in England.

Walter Bruce, Glentoran's Irish international inside-forward, recently returned to Irish League football.

Cup must decide, not league form

from

COLIN McALPIN

AS Blaxnit time draws closer a number of Irish League managers are calling for changes in the whole concept of Europe's first major sponsored football tournament. Introduced last season by the Newtownards hosiery firm of Black and Company (Newtownards) Limited, whose boss is Ards director Harold Black, the Blaxnit Challenge Trophy is for the semi-finalists from the I.F.A. Cup and F.A.I. Cup who meet in money-spinning knock-out matches at the end of the season.

The critics of the Trophy in its present form say that the top four clubs from the Irish League and League of Ireland should be involved and not the Cup teams. But Harold Black, who knows his football as well as any manager, is adamant that he wishes the Blaxnit to remain as it is.

"With Cup teams qualifying there is no danger of getting involved in complicated play-offs as might happen when several clubs finish the League fixtures with the same number of points. With Cup games involved the outcome is clear-cut right from the start.

"Also I'm thinking of what my company is getting out of the competition in the way of publicity. I remember some years ago when the Leagues tried to run inter-city competitions—they ended up a complete shambles. I don't want the same thing to happen with the Blaxnit. This won't happen with the ruling bodies running it."

One of the most critical of local managers is Jimmy Hill, whose Derry City side finished as Irish League runners-up. He maintains that the switch to League clubs would benefit the Blaxnit in that it would ensure bumper "gates". The clubs who do well in the League can usually be relied upon to have a fairly good following and this following would be brought to the Blaxnit. On the other hand what sort of "gate", he argues, would be attracted if a non-League club was fortunate enough to reach the Cup semi-finals?

But in spite of the arguments for and against the Blaxnit in its present format, Harold Black is sticking to Cup sides. If others want a change, or a competition for League leaders, let them get another sponsor—a move he, for one, would certainly welcome.

Jimmy Hill was in a right old talking mood when I saw him last. He complained that Belfast newspapermen—and I suppose I'm included in his complaint as I cover football for a city newspaper—tend to overlook the good performances of the country clubs in favour of the "Big Two" (Linfield and Glentoran).

"Take the case of Derry City," he told me. "We ran Linfield a close second in the League, reached the quarter-finals of the Irish Cup, topped the City Cup table, gave the scorers' table its joint leader in Danny Hale, have some of the best players in Northern Ireland—and are still not given credit for our abilities."

He feels that if the Blues or Glens were bottom of the League their clashes would still be called "Big Two" meetings. And, in a way, this underwriting of the leading country clubs is doing the game a great disservice in that it takes glamour away from the other clubs.

"In a way I'd like to see a 'Big Four' instead of a 'Big Two', that way the top clubs outside Belfast would get their proper credit," said Hill.

The Irish Cup saw the end of Linfield who were well beaten by a faster and more direct, and on the night more purposeful, Glentoran in a first round re-play at the Oval. Certainly Linfield's loss to the Blaxnit will be a hard one and the all-Ireland could suffer even more, for Glentoran and Derry City were drawn together in the quarter-final the result of which is not known as I write).

Marathon

Crusaders, holders of the Cup for the past two seasons, got through their first round tie against "B" Division pace-setters Banbridge Town easily enough (6-1) but had a tough quarter-final draw away to Ards.

Distillery, under new manager Jimmy McAlinden (the former Glenavon boss) put paid to Cliftonville—fresh from their shock 2-0 victory over Linfield at Windsor Park (their first win over the Blues for 20 years)—and other sides who made it to the last eight were Ballymena United, Coleraine, Bangor and Glenavon had to go to three games before one got through. (The result of this marathon isn't known either as I write.)

I had a talk recently with Walter Bruce who has made a successful comeback to Irish League soccer with his old club Glentoran—and what a difference he has made to that side's forward line—after a spell with Detroit Cougars in the ill-fated American League. He had some interesting points to make on why he thinks the great experiment in the States failed.

"It had no grass-roots. It was trying to build a house from the chimney down, no foundations."

Vandalism at Grosvenor Park, home of Irish League club Distillery, is such a major problem these days that club officials are considering the formation of vigilantes who would patrol the compact Belfast ground on match days.

In recent weeks, and especially on Sundays when the ground is not attended, hooligans have broken into the ground, played football on the pitch, wrecked turnstiles and doors and generally created expensive havoc.

Said club secretary, W. J. McClelland: "I don't know what kids are coming to these days, they have no regard for personal property at all. They have been causing a desperate lot of trouble and damage and something will have to be done to bring it under control."

On match days a small crowd of supporters have thrown stones at the windows of houses running alongside the unreserved stand and the club has had, naturally, to pay for them. Police were called in recently to try and keep the trouble down.

THE triumph of Italian champions AC Milan over Celtic in the quarter-finals of the European Cup, pinpoints at least one startling fact which may have eluded those soccer followers who are not familiar with the statistics of this competition:

NO BRITISH TEAM HAS AS YET MANAGED TO ELIMINATE AN ITALIAN SIDE ON A HOME-AND-AWAY BASIS IN THIS TOURNAMENT.

In eight Champions Cup clashes to date, the only two Italian clubs—Inter and AC Milan—to oppose British entrants, have always succeeded over two legs. Celtic's 2-1 win against Inter in the 1967 final was, of course, achieved in a single game.

This astounding record is now at stake, since AC Milan tackle Manchester United—over whom they already hold one decision—again in the semi-finals.

Looking over the Italian-British meetings we find that AC Milan hold five victories and Inter three, as shown by these details in order of appearance:

AC Milan beat Glasgow Rangers 4-1 (a), 2-0 (h).

AC Milan beat Manchester United 1-2 (a), 4-0 (h).

AC Milan beat Ipswich 3-0 (h), 1-2 (a).

AC Milan beat Dundee 5-1 (h), 0-1 (a).

Inter-Milan beat Everton 0-0 (a), 1-0 (h).

Inter-Milan beat Glasgow Rangers 3-1 (h), 0-1 (a).

Inter-Milan beat Liverpool 1-3 (a), 3-0 (h).

AC Milan beat Celtic 0-0 (h), 1-0 (a).

On the other hand, Manchester United's entry into the semi-finals for the fifth time in as many attempts spotlights once again the remarkable home record of English clubs in this, the toughest tournament in Europe.

Eight English teams have so far taken part in this competition, namely Manchester United five times, Wolves and Liverpool twice each, Burnley, Spurs, Ipswich, Everton and Manchester City once apiece.

But in 13 seasons, including the present one, embracing 39 home games, ONLY ONE FOREIGN SIDE MANAGED TO WIN A EUROPEAN CUP MATCH ON ENGLISH SOIL. It was CF Barcelona who beat Wolves by 5-2 at Molineux in the quarter-finals of 1959-60. Barcelona are also the only overseas team to score more than two goals on an English ground in this tournament.

The highest home wins were registered by Manchester United 10-0 v. Anderlecht (1956-57) and by Ipswich also 10-0 v. Floriana of Malta (1962-63), who share with Benfica—10-0 winners over Stade Düdelingen (1965-66)—the distinction of chalking up the best victories of the entire competition so far.

The finest away win was Manchester United's 6-0 against Shamrock Rovers, while the best-ever is Anderlecht's 10-1 over Haka Valkeakosken in Finland (1966-67). The top aggregate victory is Ipswich's 14-1 v. Floriana followed by 12-0 of Manchester United versus Anderlecht, but the best-ever overall was Benfica's 18-0 against Dudelingen. English club's heaviest defeats apart from the 2-5 by Wolves to Barcelona were the 1-5 of Liverpool to Ajax, 0-4 of Manchester United to AC Milan and 0-4 of Wolves, again to Barcelona.

Here are the English clubs' European Champions Cup records:

	W	D	L	F	A
Manchester United					
Home	18	1	0	63	13
Away	6	6	7	32	29
Wolves					
Home	2	1	1	9	7
Away	0	1	3	3	9
Liverpool					
Home	4	2	0	16	4
Away	2	1	3	8	11
Burnley					
Home	2	0	0	5	1
Away	0	0	2	3	7
Spurs					
Home	3	1	0	15	4
Away	1	0	3	6	9

Manchester United goalkeeper, Alex Stepney, will need to be on his toes in the forthcoming matches . . . Arthur Rotmil explains why (see first story). (A)

BAD OMEN FOR UNITED

Ipswich

Home	2	0	0	12	1
Away	1	0	1	4	4

Everton

Home	0	1	0	0	0
Away	0	0	1	0	1

Manchester City

Home	0	1	0	0	0
Away	0	0	1	1	2

To complete these records we must add Liverpool's two play-off matches on neutral grounds, v. Cologne 2-2 at Rotterdam (won on toss) and v. Petrolul Ploesti 2-0 in Brussels, plus Manchester United's 4-1 final victory over Benfica at Wembley last May.

MONEY SPINNER

THE average attendance of 57,000 for the recent European Cup quarter-final ties serves to confirm the amazing popularity and financial success of this competition. The nine games, including a play-off, attracted crowds totalling 513,000. The highest gate was Celtic's 75,000 against AC Milan and the lowest—20,000 to watch Spartak Trnava v. AEK Athens. The best aggregate was 188,000 for the three meetings between Ajax Amsterdam and Benfica.

These figures are even more startling in view of the withdrawal of teams from the Warsaw-Pact countries—in protest over the rearranged draw, following the Czech crisis—like Ferencvaros, Dynamo Kiev and Ruch Chorzów, who each could have drawn some 90,000 at this stage. Evidently the Champions Cup has lost little of its appeal this season.

By comparison, the average gate in the Cup Winners quarter-finals was only 18,000. The eight ties drew a mere 144,000, the best aggregate being 54,000 for Dunfermline v. West Bromwich Albion. The English Cup-holders also boasted the top attendance of 32,000 at The Hawthorns. The lowest was the 4,000 for Barcelona v. Lyn Oslo, and the poorest aggregate was in fact at Barcelona who played both legs at home totalling only 12,000. Here, the absence of Górnik Zabrze and Moscow Dynamo, each capable of attracting 100,000, had a more profound effect on the quality and drawing power of this tournament.

TV KILLER

LIVE television is the death-knell of soccer. This inescapable conclusion was reached by Austrian FA officials after a recent evening league game between top-of-the-table FK Austria and fifth-placed Linzer ASK drew only 506 paying customers in Vienna.

Gate receipts totalled £152, of which the visitors collected £83, but match expenses amounted to £190, leaving a deficit of £121. Television fees brought £2,400 of which £1,000 went to Linz and £830 to the FA. FK Austria, who also suffered their first defeat of the season, were left with a profit of £449. The costs of keeping the staff—two managers, four youth coaches, 24 semi-professionals and 150 juniors—amount alone to £1,250 per week. Last year the club closed with a deficit of £13,000.

It was a sad 43rd birthday for FK Austria's manager Ernst Ocwirk, one of the country's greatest-ever players and twice captain of Rest of Europe teams who drew 4-4 with England in 1953 and beat Great Britain by 4-1 two years later.

Searching the Soccer Scene

with

ARTHUR ROTMIL

RAPID DIARY

THERE is nothing quite comparable to the atmosphere before a big European Cup game. The anticipation and pre-match tension are of course heightened for any visiting team with problems of acclimatisation, different food, money and language, not forgetting the most important aspect of having to play in most cases against unknown opponents.

Having spent five whole days in the constant company of the Rapid Vienna players before, during and after their European Cup clash with Manchester United, I was once more intrigued by the psychological approach of an experienced side facing the reigning champions in the most prestige-laden club tournament in Europe. On the whole, their activities followed a familiar pattern. Within two hours of arriving at their Lynn, Cheshire, headquarters, we were all huddled in front of a television set and admired the physical fitness of English players. "Look at their ability to rise so quickly after crashing to the ground. Did you see that bone-crunching tackle? What speed off the mark and ball control on the run"—these comments were tossed freely, but alas!—we were watching the England v. France Rugby international!

Still, Match of the Day (Spurs v. Wolves) and Granada's Sunday afternoon presentation of West Ham v. Liverpool, brought further observations on the tremendous physical commitment of English soccermen as well. Rapid's coach Rudi Vytlacil remarked that this was the most spectacular football currently played in Europe.

No one appeared to disagree with him, and this belief was strengthened on Monday night when we all visited Old Trafford to see Manchester United slam Brimingham 6-2 in the FA Cup. Never before, I might add, has a visiting team had the opportunity of watching their European Cup rivals in action only 48 hours before a quarter-final tie. Earlier that afternoon, the Rapid party embarked on a shopping expedition in Manchester. Most of the players set off with veritable shopping lists and all returned loaded with gifts and souvenirs for friends and relatives back in Vienna. This, too, is part and parcel (literally) of a visiting club's off-the-field obligation.

Chubby-cheeked, blond, Werner Olensky is 26 years old and a chef by profession. Normally he works at the Bristol Hotel in Vienna. On Sunday afternoon he flew in accompanied by the team's reserve (!) doctor Herr Schmid. Between them, and with my help as interpreter, the players' menus were worked out daily. The Austrians feared English cooking as much as United, hence their anxiety to have their own chef on the spot. It turned out that the food at Lymm was very good, but since Olensky had made the trip, it was decided he might as well make himself useful. Wiener Schnitzel, Sauerkraut, Semmel-knödel (dumplings), Palatschinken (pancakes) and other Viennese specialities were served and beer was permitted up to 24 hours before the match. Rapid even brought their own coffee-making machine and a supply of Viennese coffee, but neither was used.

Actually, the team were to play in green shirts and white shorts which would have clashed on television screens with United's red shirts, making identification difficult. I therefore arranged through United's trainer Jack Crompton to phone Adidas, the famous German sports equipment firm, known in this country as Umbro, for their representative Mr. Terris, to call at the hotel.

On the day of the match the whole Rapid party, including the reserves, were equipped free of charge with white shirts, green shorts and white socks. Trainer Ulrich also received a free zip-bag on condition that he ran on the field with it, so that the name Adidas can be seen by the audience. All players also got free gifts—a child soccer outfit in United's colours.

After the game, Mr. Terris had one complaint: some of Rapid's men wore boots made by Puma (another German make and Adidas' fiercest rivals). You see, the gentlemen from the world of commerce do not miss a trick!

Philip Rising's Column

★ **Crowd hooliganism—the answer?**
★ **That pitch—could FA act?**
★ **Demise of World Cup stars**

FOOTBALL hooliganism has again reached a dangerous level in recent weeks, provoking more and more people to render their own ideas on how this disease can be stamped out.

Personally I feel that until the punishments are such that they act as a genuine deterrent the situation is unlikely to improve. The recent measures introduced by the Home Secretary, James Callaghan, in the shape of increased police squads, etc., are all very well but are they sufficient? And what happens to the thugs when they are apprehended?

Too often an almost nominal fine is the only penalty for hooliganism that at times amounts to organised terrorism. In my opinion they should be birched (physical pain would be remembered for a long time) or at the very least sent to some sort of detention centre for a considerable period of time.

Many of these yobs would gladly risk a small percentage of their weekly wage packets for what their warped minds consider to be "enjoyment". A very real, and if possible, painful, deterrent must exist if these thugs are to think twice before indulging in acts of destruction.

It is, of course, terribly unfortunate for football that it should be cursed with these people. These are not supporters of the sport and I am not altogether sure that the game itself has an effect on their attitudes.

Their behaviour is, I believe, premeditated. And football, whether it be on the terraces, in the streets or on special trains, provides these mobs with golden opportunities. If they didn't plague football they would rear their ugly heads somewhere else.

I repeat, that in my opinion the only way to stamp out hooliganism of the nature that is evident among those who watch football today is by introducing new, stiffer penalties.

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Another topic of general conversation of late has centred around the controversial state of the Wembley pitch. Those of us who were at Wembley, either for the England versus France international or particularly for the Football League Cup Final will never forget the terrible condition of what was once lush, green turf.

It was once, and despite everything probably still is, every footballer's dream to play at Wembley, but they have the right to expect turf of the highest quality.

Many reasons for the rapid deterioration of the pitch have been put forward, especially a horse-jumping event staged there last year, and although stadium officials have denied that this had a considerable effect, obviously the horses did more harm than good to the ground's drainage system.

Wembley is vital to the prestige of English football and no club wants to play a Cup Final on a mud-heap. And after some of the complaints English players have registered about Continental grounds, the old cry of those in glass houses ... is going to be heard soon.

Rapid repair work has already been undertaken but I feel that the Football Association should ensure that the pitch is kept in the very best of condition. How? Well, for a start ensure that in the future two vital matches are not staged within four days, particularly in a month prone to heavy rainfall.

And, when one considers that gate receipts for all first-class matches at this gala arena average out at approximately £100,000, surely the Wembley management could be "bribed" not to stage any events that might have a harmful effect on the hallowed turf.

Wembley Stadium rightly point out that the stadium is not a workable proposition on football alone. They need the money that other events bring in.

But I suggest that if, for example, the horse-jumping authorities offer X number of pounds for the hire of Wembley, the FA offer £X plus for them NOT to stage it. Unethical, perhaps, but beneficial as far as association football is concerned.

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Recent events certainly suggest that the wondrous England 11 of 1966 is breaking up. The news of Cohen's retirement followed hard on the heels of an announcement by Roger Hunt that he no longer wished to be considered for England.

Hunt has been the target for much unwarranted criticism over the years, particularly from southern quarters where his appeal has, to say the least, been slight. Up north, of course, it is a different matter but it is unfortunate for Hunt that he is not the sort of spectacular player that rapidly earns friends in all quarters.

Nevertheless the admirable Hunt, whose placid temperament is one of his many under-publicised qualities, rarely received the credit he deserved in an England shirt. To coin a phrase, he was a players' player, and Bobby Charlton for one is never slow to sing the praises of Hunt.

However, the pressures on this prolific scoring forward have always been great and were increasing as the "Greaves For England" campaign intensified. Now, says Hunt, a great weight has been taken off his shoulders.

But what happens when his best form returns, as it will? Perhaps Roger will change his mind. If he does, I sincerely hope that Sir Alf Ramsey will not let bygone events prejudice his selection for Mexico next year.

Police officers used walkie-talkie radio equipment at Upton Park during the match between West Ham and Manchester United as part of the new measures introduced to combat crowd hooliganism by Home Secretary James Callaghan. (UPI)

One of those rare things in Sydney soccer: two Australian-born players in one picture. Brian Smith (stripes) the Pan Hellenic striker and Gerry King, the Prague goalkeeper, danced this duet in the recent Ampol Cup final, won by Prague 3–2 in extra time. The various championships in the States began in April. (AD)

Ethnic-gap holds back progress...

from ANDREW DETTRE

ONE of the wittiest pieces of gallows-humour that circulated after the 1956 revolution in Budapest said: "The Hungarians deserved what they got, for daring to interfere in their own domestic affairs."

This came to my mind recently when a leading Sydney soccer official of Italian birth seriously told me that we all had to be on our guards. "There is a conspiracy in soccer here, you know," said he. "The Australians want to take over."

This may sound hilarious or perhaps quizzical to most readers, wherever they are. But, tragically enough, to many people involved in Australian soccer it is nothing more than a remote and somewhat frightening possibility; what, they ask, are Australians trying to do in Australian soccer?

A good question, indeed. It takes no research-effort at all to illustrate my point. The president of the Australian Federation, Sir William Walkley, was born in New Zealand; the president of New South Wales, Giacomo (Jim) Bayutti, in Italy; the president of Victoria, John Oliphant, in Czechoslovakia; the recently resigned Australian secretary, Ian McAndrew, in Scotland; the national coach, Joe Vlasits, in Hungary; the NSW coach, Joe Venglos, in Czechoslovakia; the national team masseur, Luigi Lazzarri, in Italy . . . Need I go on?

Roughly the same applies to teams and players; if an Australian team were to be fielded today, no more than two or three locally born players would make it. In Sydney the situation is rapidly improving as more and more local boys are groomed into limited stardom; but in Victoria, the position is bordering on lunacy; the 12 First Division clubs among themselves have ONE Australian-born standard player, John Bedford, with Hellas, a relic of the past, as he played for Australia at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

It must be clear to all outsiders that Australian soccer is not developing as it should largely because we have created the paradoxical situation where we are trying to run Aussie soccer without the active participation of Aussies. At any First Division match in Sydney or Melbourne about 90 per cent of the spectators are migrants—as are the players, officials and often the referees and even the pressmen. In both these cities one large, Greek-sponsored club, Pan Hellenic and Hellas, contribute the lion's share to the attendance figures; take these two teams out and what you have is no more than an average of perhaps 2,000 spectators per match.

It is understandable that migrants are interested in soccer; they bring that interest with them when they arrive here. The very first thing a Greek, Italian or other migrant will look for after having unpacked his cases is a stick of salami and a soccer ground.

But where are the Aussies? Don't they care about soccer? Many, of course, don't; in Sydney it's Rugby League and in Melbourne it's the peculiar Australian Rules, a corrupted form of Gaelic football, that commands respect and attention. But in Sydney, at least, tens of thousands of Australians do take part in soccer—at junior level. The number of youngsters playing soccer in the State of NSW alone is put at 70,000 which, by most reckonings, should involve almost 140,000 parents, and perhaps another 250,000 brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts. At least some of these could be reasonably expected to develop an interest in soccer generally, not just the exciting affairs of their 12-year-old darlings. But they don't. Somehow, frustratingly enough, most of these people never connect junior or schoolboy soccer with the more "glamorous", semi-professional First Division stuff—because they feel no affinity with the clubs, officials, players or even spectators. And no one knows better than an average English fan, an Italian tifosi, an Austrian Schlachtenbummler or a Hungarian drukker how terribly important it is in soccer to FEEL for your club.

The purpose of this exercise is not to condemn the migrants for their interest or to exonerate the Australians for their lack of it; I am merely trying to paint a true picture of the position. And if the colours I use are dark and depressing, they are not of my own choosing.

Somehow, soon, some people must start finding ways and means of bridging this ethnic gap that now exists in Australian soccer. Australians, I feel, must try to interfere in their own domestic affairs; migrants must admit that despite their passionate interest in the game, their financial and other sacrifices, even their know-how, they alone cannot and will not produce a healthy Australian soccer without Australian participation.

And that should be a thought to dismay all true lovers of the game, whether they were born in the Australian bush, the Scottish Highlands, the Italian Mezzogiorno, or the Hungarian puszta....

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SCOTTISH ANGLE

STEIN MISSES FINAL

by JOHN STONE

FEW footballers in the game's long history will attend a Cup Final with such mixed feelings as Colin Stein, controversial centre-forward of Glasgow Rangers.

Stein, £100,000 worth of goal-grabbing talent, will sit in the stands as Rangers run out for the glamour game of the season, the Scottish Cup Final with Celtic.

Without doubt, this SHOULD have been the most important game Stein has ever played in. It WOULD have been, too, but for his own impetuous nature.

Yet while his colleagues battle it out in front of a full house Hampden Park crowd of 134,000, Stein must merely sit and suffer the role of unwilling spectator.

His third ordering-off this season, in an unimportant League match with Clyde, in which he had already hit a hat-trick, earned Stein a stern five-week suspension from the SFA Referees' Committee.

Coming as it did towards the end of March, that punishment put Stein out of all competitive soccer to the end of the season, with the exception of Fairs Cup matches for Rangers.

It almost certainly cost him the striker's role in the Scottish World Cup side against Germany at Hampden, too.

All terribly disapointing for a young forward with a brilliant future, if he can only bring tolerance to his undoubted talent.

Yet the biggest punishment of all for Stein must be missing the clash with Celtic, the grand finale to another Scottish season, and a match which has split the pundits right down the middle.

Celtic, of course, started the season as Rangers' masters. Then in the League there was a complete turn-about, with the Ibrox side doing a double over their arch rivals from Parkhead.

Immediately the pair powered through their respective semi-finals, Celtic smothering Morton 4-1, Rangers slaughtering Aberdeen 6-1, Scottish bookmakers immediately announced odds of 10/11 against BOTH sides winning the Cup.

Nothing between them in the betting. Not a lot on ability either. Indeed, there is so much talent between the camps that one man, or one mistake, could decide the winners.

The caution by the men who let their money do their talking is understandable. The sides have met many times before in the Scottish Cup in the last 80 years.

Take a look at the outcome. Twenty-two times they have been paired. In 11 matches Celtic emerged triumphant. Rangers were victors ten times. The other time, the Cup was withheld after the sides had fought out two draws.

Each club has won the Scottish Cup 19 times, too, making this meeting all the more intriguing still. One of them must win, to take their score to 20 triumphs. But which one? No Cup Final in my memory has ever been more difficult to predict.

Pride, prejudice, passion will all play as great a part as actual playing performance. Stein's role as mere spectator is an agonising blow not only to him, but to Ibrox manager Dave White and the hordes of Rangers fans who have made the ex-Hibernian star their idol.

Stein's absence from the Rangers attack is a tremendous point in Celtic's favour. By kick-off time, I shall not be surprised in the slightest to discover that the Parkhead men have nosed marginally ahead of Rangers, to become clear favourites.

Yet favourites can fail at Hampden just as they can in any other major sporting event. Celtic are far from certain winners.

I'm going to tip Celtic, but I am not brave enough to back them.

All I can say is that I earnestly hope rival supporters who have been clamouring for weeks for precious Cup Final tickets will allow the match to be played as a football match; that it doesn't degenerate into some senseless religious battle round the vast Hampden terraces, with the match itself merely some sort of excuse for a feud.

I have no doubt in my mind that the players will do their utmost to make matters straightforward for Glasgow referee Jimmy Callaghan. His is the most important job of the entire afternoon.

Yet they do not come braver in football officialdom than Callaghan.

This match, as it should have been for Colin Stein, will be the highlight of Mr. Callaghan's career. I hope players of both sides will be able to recall it as such at the end of a match that can so easily be memorable.

Rival skippers John Greig of Rangers and Celtic's Billy McNeill are right types for such an occasion.

Both are hard but totally fair-minded professionals. Neither is the most brilliant player on his side, but both have the temperament to see that football is placed first.

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Celtic, incidentally, showed yet again the real meaning of football greatness, almost immediately after their greatest blow of the season.

No side could have been more disappointed than Jock Stein's men when they were sensationally beaten 1-0 at home by AC Milan, to lose the chance of a dream European Cup semi-final with Manchester United.

Yet hardly had they recovered from that disappointment than Jock Stein was assuring his great friend, United's Sir Matt Busby, that any assistance he could offer the Old Trafford club, as they plotted to avenge Celtic's defeat, would be only too willingly supplied.

Busby's able first lieutenant, Jimmy Murphy, saw Celtic's defeat by the Italians.

He came away with the first-hand proof that all these tales of AC Milan's great defensive strength were not being exaggerated.

Indeed, I can think of no other club in world football who achieved what AC Milan did—stop Celtic scoring in TWO matches.

No, not even Manchester United. Yet it is so typical of Stein to offer all the professional expertise at his command to a side he dearly wanted his own team to meet.

Colin Stein, Rangers' £100,000 centre-forward, bursts into tears and pounds the ground after being ordered off for the third time this season against Clyde at Ibrox Park. (A)

MULLER TO THE RESCUE

West Germany

HISTORY has an acknowledged habit of repeating itself even in soccer, as demonstrated by the 92nd minute goal by Gerd Müller which saved Germany in their somewhat fortuitous 1-1 draw with Wales at Frankfurt. The match was billed as a dress rehearsal before both countries' vital World Cup qualifying games but, unhappily, nearly half the actors were missing from the advertised cast (writes ARTHUR ROTMIL).

Four months earlier, the Germans were rescued from a depressing goalless draw with Cyprus by a winner, also from Müller, and again after 92 minutes' play. This time a home crowd of 40,000 had already given up hope and with justification, for after the dramatic equaliser there wasn't even time to restart the game. Wales, who have never won a game on the Continent, on their opponents' ground, in 18 previous attempts (excluding their World Cup matches in neutral Sweden) and with a goal record of 15-46, came desperately close to breaking the duck, although weakened by the absence of three regulars. But West Germany were even more handicapped for no fewer than seven men dropped out from the original squad of 22: Weber (bruised ribs), Netzer (thigh injury), Gerwien (cartilage), Fichtel (ankle injury), Beckenbauer (broken hand-bone), Overath (stood down as he was totally out of form) and Schnellinger, released by AC Milan for whom he played against Celtic with a fractured toe for over an hour and was still unfit. Manager Helmut Schön was once more faced with a monumental problem of raising a scratch side which not surprisingly gave one of the poorest displays of recent years.

Outside-right Libuda celebrated a come-back, while on the opposite flank a second cap was given to Hans Rebele, 26 (1860 Munich). On a heavy, rain-soaked pitch, Wales survived early pressure and went ahead through Barrie Jones after 34 minutes, but neither side could really take command while Müller's last seconds' face-saver helped to preserve the German unbeaten home record stretching back four years.

Apart from the meeting with Scotland, the national side's remaining programme for the year is as follows: May 10 in Nuremberg v. Austria (WC); May 21 in Essen v. Cyprus (WC); September 21 in Vienna v. Austria; September 24 in Sofia v. Bulgaria; October 22 in Hamburg v. Scotland (WC).

In the Bundesliga, with six games left, Bayern were three points clear at the top. Goalkeeper Maier appears to have overcome his "penalty-complex" for after saving his first one against Schalke, following 19 unsuccessful attempts, he did it again this time from Pavlic of Duisburg. Bayern's new challengers are surprisingly VfB Stuttgart who before the season's record crowd of 75,000—terrace tickets fetched £12 on the black market—defeated Bayern by 3-0. On the managerial front the biggest sensation was the departure of Max Merkel—allegedly for health reasons—who led Nürnberg to the championship last year, but now the "club" are languishing at the bottom! Caretaker boss is now Max Morlock 43, capped 46 times by Germany and one of the heroes of their World Cup victory in 1954.

Pictured is Bernd Doerfel (Met).

BUNDESLIGA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	28	14	9	5	51	26	37
VfB Stuttgart	28	13	8	7	51	37	34
Borussia M-G	27	12	8	7	48	32	32
1860 Munich	27	14	3	11	38	47	31
Hamburger SV	25	11	8	6	41	34	30
Alem'ia Aachen	27	12	6	9	48	41	30
Eintracht Bruns.	24	10	7	7	34	26	27
MSV Duisburg	28	8	11	9	30	33	27
Hannover	27	8	10	9	40	36	26
Schalke	28	10	6	12	34	36	26
Borussia Dort.	27	9	6	12	39	46	24
Eintracht Frank.	28	9	6	13	33	38	24
Kickers Offenb'h.	28	9	6	13	37	45	24
Hertha Berlin	25	9	5	11	25	31	23
Cologne	26	9	5	12	28	44	23
Kaiserslautern	27	10	3	14	33	39	23
Werder Bremen	26	9	4	13	36	45	22
Nürnberg	27	6	9	12	31	41	21

Forward problems evident

Switzerland

NATIONAL manager Erwin Ballabio was unanimously praised for his courage in fielding three new caps and a fresh-look attack, but couldn't conjure up a winning combination as Switzerland lost narrowly 1-0 to Spain in Valencia, in what was their last serious test before the World Cup visit to Portugal (writes ARTHUR ROTMIL).

The Swiss lead in Europe with the highest league goal average of 3.75 per match, but at national level the lack of marksmen could decisively upset their chances of going to Mexico. They gave an adequate performance in defence introducing a new sweeper in Konrad Baumgartner, 26 (Young Boys), but the newly capped centre-forward Walter Müller, 27 (also Young Boys) and left-winger Daniel Jeandupeux, 20 (Chaux-de-Fonds), are obviously not the answer to Ballabio's forward problems. Still, the Swiss displayed fighting spirit, resilience and stamina, playing much better than expected and certainly superior to their last showing against Rumania.

In pouring rain, before a lamentably small audience of 10,000 (live TV coverage!) and 40 minutes late, due to temporary floodlight failure, Spain still smarting from their World Cup elimination and also with a rearranged team began with a typical *furia española*, but most of the menacing approach work was spoiled by a pass too many. The visitors replied with dangerous breakaways and were mostly content to hold the Spaniards at bay, but in the closing stages pressed hard for the equaliser. The only goal was brilliantly headed by Zaragoza's young centre-forward Bustillo, following a right-wing corner and the score-line just about reflected their territorial advantage.

On the domestic scene, the two-month winter break ended when the Cup quarter-finals were staged on February 23. The biggest shock was the 1-0 victory after extra time of newly promoted St. Gallen over the holders on their own ground at Lugano. A great start indeed for St. Gallen's new manager Albert Sing (52) formerly with 1860 Munich. Their semi-final opponents are Servette who beat Basle 1-0 while Grasshoppers entered the last-four stage for the 26th (!) time, when they disposed of Chiasso after a replay in Zürich (3-3, 1-0 a.e.t.) and will meet Bellinzona—3-1 home winners over Sion.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lausanne	18	11	3	4	53	27	25
Lugano	18	11	2	5	31	15	24
Young Boys	18	9	5	4	36	23	23
Zurich	18	9	3	6	48	24	21
Basle	18	6	9	3	26	25	21
Bellinzona	18	6	6	6	26	31	18
Biel	18	6	6	6	40	47	18
Chaux-de-Fonds	17	5	7	5	40	32	17
Servette	18	5	6	7	23	30	16
Winterthur	18	4	8	6	21	30	16
Sion	18	5	5	8	28	37	15
St. Gallen	17	4	6	7	19	29	14
Grasshoppers	18	4	6	8	27	35	14
Lucerne	18	2	4	12	21	54	8

In the league, Lausanne set the pace, their defence strengthened considerably by the acquisition of Czech international Jan Lala from Slavia Prague. Aged 30, he gained 40 caps, took part in the 1962 World Cup and played for a Europe XI in their 7-2 win over Yugoslavia in 1964. Lausanne's nearest rivals are Lugano, superbly organised by the German Otto Luttrop (30), whose compatriot Albert Brülls (32), is doing wonders for third-placed Young Boys while yet another German, and like Brülls also player-manager, Hans-Otto Peters (28), of Biel, has developed into a feared goal-getter.

ROUND THE WORLD STORIES

WEST GERMANY

THE comparative collapse of league leaders FC Bayern Munchen has been one of the remarkable features of the current campaign. Yet while Bayern hang on at the top under growing pressure from VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Monchengladbach, there have been many more notable failures.

At the bottom of the table a mere two points separate seven relegation candidates and amongst them are some of the biggest names in German football. Reigning champions FC Nurnberg are perhaps the biggest failures—top to bottom in less than 12 months and showing little signs of pulling away from danger. Coach Max Merkel is the Bundesliga's highest paid *tecnico* and has another four years of his contract to run. But he says: "I will go if the club is relegated."

Keeping Nurnberg company are 1968 cup winners 1st FC Koln; 1965 champions Werder Bremen and Borussia Dortmund, champions in 1963, cup winners in 1965 and winners of the European Cup Winners trophy in 1966. Finally there are Eintracht Frankfurt, 1959 champions and West Germany's only representatives ever to reach the final of the European cup and 1st FC Kaiserslautern, once the pride of Germany with five members of Sepp Herberger's 1954 World Cup winning team.

Schalke 04 made a shrewd move in the autumn when, with themselves in danger of relegation, they engaged coach Rudi Gutendorf on his return from the USA. In three months he has led the Gelsenkirchen club to safety. But the most notable improvement has been effected by VfB Stuttgart who began the campaign without any claims to supremacy and after two months signed Frantisek Bufka to be manager while Gunther Baumann accepted the position of coach.

Since then, Stuttgart have picked up points regularly, brought Eintracht Braunschweig's nine-match winning run to an end 2-0 away and then recorded one of the season's most surprising achievements in drawing a 74,000 capacity crowd to their Neckarstadion for the visit of Bayern. Really completing the day, VfB won 3-0.

GREECE

WITH the championship more than two-thirds completed, an unprecedented state of mind now dominates every club. After years of indiscipline and walking off the pitch when referees awarded penalty kicks, not one single match has been abandoned so far. Five years ago this would have been unthinkable for hardly a week went by without one team walking off, and for many years each team has collected an extra point in league matches (compared with the game elsewhere) simply by playing out normal time.

The game is booming everywhere and the Government got together with the AEK to offer the players £700 a man bonus, if they beat Spartak Trnava. They didn't!

An even bigger bonus has been promised by the Government/FA combine to encourage the national team in the hope that they will eliminate Portugal, Rumania and Switzerland and reach the final stages of the 1970 World Cup.

Without the AEK players who remained in Athens for the second leg against the Czech champions, national coach Georgiadis took his squad off to Tel Aviv for a friendly match with Israel. Drawing 3-3, all three Greek goals were scored by Joutsos, and after an hour inside-forward Dedes was sent off.

Greater incentives and bigger basic salaries are playing a major role in the Greek improvement with the three giants from the capital, Olympiakos, Panathinaikos and AEK the biggest spenders. Best paid player of the moment is AEK's international inside-left Mimis Papaioannou, who at 26 is earning around £8,000 a year. Almost as well paid are Olympiakos star George Sideris and Domazos of Panathinaikos.

The championship race has once more settled into the customary three-cornered battle between Panathinaikos, who lead Olympiakos by three points, and champions AEK who trail by six points. The goal-scoring race is dominated by the same clubs with Sideris (Olympiakos) on 21 goals, followed by Papaioannou (AEK) 17 and Gonios (Panathinaikos) with 16.

SPAIN

THE 2-1 defeat against Belgium at Liege finally scotched Spanish hopes of any direct interest in the next World Cup and if selector-coach Dr. Eduardo Toba did not intend to resign he was promptly persuaded to do so at the next FA meeting. Contrary to popular opinion, former Real Madrid centre-half Jose Santamaria (FA amateur coach) did not get the job though there seems every chance that he will be promoted during the summer. For the rest of the current campaign which involves four matches, the managers of the top three clubs will choose and prepare the team. Real Madrid coach Miguel Munoz is regarded as head-man of the triumvirate which also includes Salvadore Artigas (CF Barcelona) and Luis Molowny (Las Palmas).

After months of rumours, threats and reported conspiracies, CD Malaga and their coach, Otto Bumbel, have finally parted company. While the club held a respectable position in the table Bumbel apparently mustered enough support on the board but when they slipped down amongst the relegation candidates the pressures became too great. Bumbel immediately joined former Division 1 club Real Jaen as technical director, while at Malaga former Real Madrid left-half and captain Jose Maria Zarraga, who was technical director also, took over the duties of coach.

With spearhead Amancio unable to find the net with any regularity, Real Madrid have struggled through a series of draws but retain a seven-point lead in the championship race and are now certain of the title. At Granada wing-half Pirri returned to first team duty after a three-month absence with a broken leg, and earlier Real had played out a goal-less draw with neighbours Atletico and a 1-1 draw against CFB in Barcelona. At the Nou Camp CFB led Real through a goal by Zaldua until two minutes from the end, when Real skipper Francisco Gento equalised from a penalty kick. Rather fortuitously, Real thus retained their record—unbeaten in league matches since the start of the season.

FRANCE

MUCH criticised since the autumn when France jeopardised her World Cup chances when they lost at home 1-0 to the Norwegian amateurs, national team boss Louis Dugauguez finally resigned 11 days before the French visit to Wembley. Apparently the appointment of Raymond Kopa and his former Reims colleague, Michel Hidalgo—charged with restoring the morale of the French players—proved to be the last straw for Dugauguez. FA Director of Coaching and coach in charge of the youth squad temporarily fills the breach, but was unable to prevent an inept collection of players being hammered 5-0 by England.

Many critics have blamed the indifference of the French fans for the plight of their country's football which has been in the doldrums for years. But for matches which hold out the promise of attractive football the French soon remember the road to the stade. So it was for the Ajax-Benfica play-off which pulled in a capacity crowd in Paris, and there have been other notable gates at domestic matches. Forty-five thousand attended the Marseille-Angouleme FA cup-tie, and for the two-legged tie between the two top clubs in the league race, Saint Etienne and Bordeaux, gates of 31,000 and 29,000 were recorded. Clearly it is not so much the disinterested public but the uninteresting football which lies at the heart of the problem.

For the *Cote d'Azur* derby between Nice and Monaco a mere 2,207 turned out to see Nice win 1-0 at the Stade du Ray, and a further indication of the poverty of the French game is provided by the fact that three non-league teams (all amateurs) have won their way through to the FA Cup quarter-finals. Not since professionalism was first introduced in 1932 has this ever occurred.

In the championship race, 1968 double winners Saint Etienne lead Bordeaux by five points after avenging their only home defeat of the season and winning 2-1 at Lyon. On the same day former Saint Etienne inside-forward Rachid Mekloufi did his old colleagues a big favour by lead-

Cruyff (white shorts) and Dobias clash during the Ajax v. Spartak Trnava European Cup match. (UPI)

ing his new club, Bastia, to a 1-0 win over Bordeaux with a goal he scored himself from the spot.

AUSTRIA

AFTER winning two consecutive championships in two years Rudolf Vytlacil has finally been ousted by the combined opinions of his SC Rapid players. The rumblings of discontent have been apparent for months but finally came into prominence in the autumn when Karl Decker stood in for Vytlacil around the time of the European Cup victory over Real Madrid. At the time several players stated publicly that they preferred to play for Decker.

What they probably meant in reality was "anyone but Vytlacil" and that was how it was put at the start of the spring campaign. After a series of poor performances in South America, Rapid met Anderlecht in Brussels prior to their first clash with Manchester United and after a 3-0 defeat followed by a bawling out by Vytlacil, open war was declared. Vytlacil will now quit the club at the expiration of his contract, probably joining one of the top Greek clubs while Rapid directors, in spite of opposition within the club led by former international star Gerhard Hanappi, have almost concluded arrangements to engage Karl Rappan.

With three foreign players, Denmark's Bjorn Bjerregard and Tom Sondergard, and Swedish inside-forward Sven Lindman, on their payroll, Rapid have been unable to persuade the OFB to increase the two foreigners per game quota. Sondergard appears to be the most likely player to go and FC Nantes have already made overtures to him.

With SC Rapid almost throwing away their championship chances the most likely beneficiaries are FK Austria managed by Ernst Ocwirk. Since offering his resignation a year ago Ocwirk has effected a big improvement in the club's performances and a great deal of this added efficiency is due to the transfer of coloured centre-forward Koglberger from Linz ASK. For Ocwirk's 43rd birthday recently, Linz visited FK Austria in Vienna and brought him two unpleasant surprises. The first came with the final whistle—a 3-2 defeat—while the second was brought about by the presence of TV cameras which kept the attendance down to 508.

BELGIUM

SINCE winning the FA Cup four years ago La Gantoise have had a spell in Division II but back now in the top class have quickly established themselves. Within a fortnight they recently accounted for the two crack clubs, beating league leaders Standard-Liege 1-0 in the FA Cup and winning 3-2 away to champions RSC Anderlecht. At the Parc Astrid in Brussels, La Gantoise inside-forward Joseph Jurion was the key figure against his old colleagues and after trailing 0-2, led the recovery which brought Anderlecht's championship chances to an end. This places the Anderlecht coach Norberto Hoffling in jeopardy for it was the failure of his predecessor which brought him to Brussels.

Anderlecht's last chance of appearing in a major international tournament next season disappeared a few days later when they were knocked out of the FA Cup by Bruges. Losing 2-1, the Anderlecht squad —who are undoubtedly the most talented and best paid collection of individuals in Belgium—then had the bad luck to be followed by unfashionable SC Charleroi, who succeeded where Van Himst & Co. had failed. Winning 1-0 they inflicted on FC Bruges their first home defeat for three years.

In the league race it is still Standard-Liege leading the way with six points in hand over the field. Standard's goals tally speaks for itself: 51 goals for in 23 games and only 14 against. Top marksman for the Liege club is left winger Antal Nagy with 17, who played for Honved until he defected two years ago. Anderlecht still occupy second place and are followed one point away by three clubs—Lierse SK, FC Bruges and SC Charleroi whose Czech-born coach, George Sobotka, has worked a near miracle.

The Second Division race is stirring up almost as much interest as the struggle in the top class. Crossing Meulenbeek, the previously unknown Brussels club which engaged former Czech star Josef Masopust and ex-Benfica coach Elek Schwarz, are three points clear at the top with Waterschei and Olimpic Charleroi their closest challengers.

Real Champions again

European League Review by ROGER MACDONALD

SPAIN

AFTER a succession of disappointing draws, Real beat Zaragoza 2-0 in Madrid to clinch the championship for the third successive season, keeping their unbeaten record and ensuring once again that they would represent Spain in the European Cup.

Watched by a 100,000 crowd at Chamartin, they dominated their 27th league match from the start, and Zaragoza were often in desperate straits. Ramon Grosso opened the score after 19 minutes, and four minutes after half-time Manuel Velazquez got the second, decisive goal.

Miguel Munoz has good reason to be satisfied with his club's latest triumph, in particular in the way they recovered from the tremendous blow to their morale—defeat in the European Cup by, given hindsight, a far from formidable Rapid Vienna. Real, too, shook off a series of injuries to players such as Gento (feeling his age), Amanico and Pirri, who played his first match for three months' in Real's goalless draw at Grenada.

Barcelona's last hope of catching Real disappeared when they lost 2-1 at Cordoba, the bottom club in the first division. This, and the point dropped in the local derby with Espanol (when Garate had to drop out at the last minute through injury) took the pressure off the champions, at a time when they were showing signs of a slump. Real could not have been happy with a 2-2 draw at home to lowly Pontevedra, now trained by Real's former inside-forward, Hector Rial. Pontevedra quickly took the lead at Chamartin, and although Gento and Amancio gave Real a half-time lead, Pontevedra equalised in the second half and by all accounts were unlucky not to win.

Las Palmas played superbly to beat the club immediately below them, Valencia (2-1) but their last chance really went with a goalless draw at Elche, who have climbed out of trouble after a wretched start to the season. Las Palmas lost Jose Juan after eight minutes and had to play with ten men as substitutes are not permitted in Spain; Elche forced 15 corners, but the Las Palmas goalkeeper made a series of great saves to preserve a point.

In spite of beating Barcelona, Cordoba are still certain to be relegated, but Malaga took two points off Elche with one, disputed, goal and could yet save themselves. Zaragoza, remarkably, are by no means sure of staying up. The leading candidates for promotion are Celta and Seville, sharing the second division leadership and a long way ahead of Ferrol.

BELGIUM

SHOCKS for both Standard Liege and Anderlecht, knocked out of the Belgian cup at the eighth-final stage. Anderlecht went down 2-1 at Bruges, after a good spell early in the second half when they equalised and seemed likely to win. But the Bruges goalkeeper, Boone, made two stupendous saves and Bruges got the winning goal in a breakaway.

Standard lost 1-0 at La Gantoise, an extremely doubtful goal which came from a shot that hit the underside of the bar and bounced down. Standard's goalkeeper, Jean Nicolay, claimed the ball had not crossed the line before he reached it, but the referee thought otherwise.

Anderlecht had to beat Standard at Liege to stand any real chance of keeping their title, but the game ended in a 1-1 draw. So Anderlecht were six points behind with six games to play, too big a margin to catch up, and the unfashionable Charleroi even went above them into second place on goal average.

The critical game for Anderlecht perhaps came against La Gantoise, who won 3-2 in Brussels. All in all it was a disastrous defeat, for Anderlecht led 2-0 at one stage, and George Heylens put the ball straight at Delmulle's feet for a gift equalising goal. On the same day Standard had a hard match at Beerschot, and were desperately hanging on to a 2-1 lead when Nagy—top scorer this season—scored a brilliant third goal. Precarious, but vital, points.

Anderlecht's main problem has been in midfield, where Nordahl, Herbet, Maertens, Van Himst, Peeters and Devrindt have all been tried in pairs without real success. The young Nordahl seems the best prospect, judging by his brilliant performance in a 3-2 win against Benfica in a friendly; but he needs time to mature. The man Anderlecht most miss is, of course, Jeff Jurion, playing now for . . . La Gantoise.

PORTUGAL

PORTO started to go to pieces in Portugal, giving Benfica a late chance to stay in the European Cup. Benfica had a strong boost to morale in beating them 3-0 in the Portuguese cup, a fine game which Benfica never dominated as much as the score might suggest.

But the whistles that greeted their arrival on the field soon turned to cheers when they scored after only six minutes. Simoes rounded his full-back and Atraca, frantic to stop the ball reaching Torres, intercepted at full stretch and beat his own goalkeeper disastrously. Three minutes later Graca, who had a splendid match, sent Jose Augusto away on the other wing. Torres headed the cross down to the far post, catching Americo off-balance; all he could do was fist weakly out, allowing Eusebio to score with a spectacular diving header. Porto had a lot of the game for the next hour, but they fell away near the end. Americo brought down Eusebio to stop a third goal, but by giving away a penalty (which Eusebio took himself) he only delayed the inevitable.

Porto soon became involved in a disciplinary crisis, which resulted in the club suspending goalkeeper Americo, full-back Alberto, forwards Pinto and Eduardo Gomes, the captain. All the more remarkable, therefore, that they should win 1-0 at CUF Setubal, a formidable team on their own ground. Djalma headed the goal in the second half, after the home keeper had made a reckless and ill-judged attempt to intercept.

The league programme, played for the fourth successive weekend in pouring rain, also included an unexpected defeat for Benfica at Guimarnes. Benfica fielded a weakened side, for Graca could not play, and his usual replacement, Toni, was also hurt in training. In the first half Eusebio twice hit the bar, but early in the second Torres was sent off for bringing down an opponent in a fierce but scarcely dirty tackle. Down to ten men and ineffective in midfield, Benfica lost control of the game; and Peres got two goals for Guimaraes in the 64th and 68th minutes to win the match.

But the situation changed dramatically the following week when Benfica beat CUF 1-0, a goal in the 13th minute by Eusebio that scarcely reflected their superiority, while Porto went down at home to Academica by the same score. Academica, by no means the force they were last season, got a goal through Manuel Antonio in the 19th minute; but Porto were playing well and seemingly unperturbed. In the 35th minute they were awarded a penalty which Nobreea, a bundle of nerves, shot the wrong side of a post: and suddenly the tension got the better of Porto, who missed a score of good chances as the game progressed. In the end Porto almost conceded another goal, for Antonio dribbled past five players and the Porto goalkeeper, but fiddled just a moment too long and Leonardo came in on his blind side for a dramatic interception.

The championship may rest on Benfica's game against Sanjoanese, in which they

were leading when it was abandoned earlier in the season. Now it must be replayed, and probably without Torres, likely to get a six-match suspension for his second sending-off of the year. But Otto Gloria has many good players in reserve, none better than Zeca, a young half-back discovered in Mozambique two years ago and now ready for the big time.

YUGOSLAVIA

THE match for the championship, a journalistic rather than a mathematical definition, ended with Dynamo Zagreb beating 3-1 Red Star in Belgrade in front of 50,000 spectators. Dynamo thereby increased their lead to five points with 13 matches left to play, not a decisive lead, but significant for a team playing really well.

Yet Dynamo had lost their two previous away games, 2-0 at Celik, unbeaten at home for two years, and 1-0 at Vojvodina. Red Star pulled back a point each time with two draws, and would have beaten Velez but for a stupendous equaliser by Sestic, whose shooting dwarfs even that of Bobby Charlton.

The growing trend of violence claimed four victims on a single weekend — Hasanagic of Partizan; Trivic of Vojvodina; Zambata of Dynamo Zagreb and Rodanovic of Sarajevo, all seriously hurt. This was a major blow for Yugoslavia's prospects of beating Spain in Madrid on April 30, a game they had to win to keep their slim World Cup hopes alive. The biggest loss was certainly Hasanagic, who broke a leg only two games after his return following an eleven-month absence due to illness.

ITALY

THE sudden revival of Milan, supremely confident after toppling Celtic so staggeringly in Glasgow, put the double of Italian league and European Cup excitingly within reach.

They drew 1-1 at Lanerossi, a goal from Rivera on the stroke of half-time, a desperate late equaliser by Reif, the young centre-forward of a club threatened with relegation. Then Milan thrashed Bologna 4-0, with Prati scoring a hat-trick in the second half—this on a day when only five goals were scored in the other seven games put together.

Milan moved into second place, just a point behind Fiorentina, who drew rather luckily at Sampdoria (a last-minute goal by their sweeper-up, Ferrante, which is all against the rules) then did rather better to beat the revived Inter 1-0. Chiarugi, who has been deputising for the suspended Amarildo to great effect, got the goal after 10 minutes; and Mazzola was hemmed in too well to do anything about it.

As for Cagliari, three successive games without scoring did nothing to improve their prospects. In spite of losing only once (against Juventus) in 18 games, Cagliari seem out of the running. Even in Italy, to win the championship a team has to win a match once in a while.

POLAND

THE vital top-of-the-table clash between Gornik and Legia was watched by 25,000 at Warsaw, a full house, and ended in a narrow victory for Gornik.

Still unbeaten, Gornik played cautious, defensive football, probing for the gaps in sudden counter-attacks. They took their first real chance splendidly in the 20th minute when Wilczek scored from a beautiful pass by Lubanski.

Legia carried the game to Gornik even more in the second half, and just after the hour Brychzy—the best player on the field—equalised from a penalty. But Legia had shot their bolt, Gornik increased their pressure, and five minutes later Lubanski raced through to score the winning goal.

Francisco Gento, remarkably still a valuable member of the Real Madrid senior squad. They recently clinched the Spanish Championship, unbeaten after 27 matches. (O)

SOCCERTISTICS

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WORLD CUP LATEST

GROUP ONE

Switzerland 1, Greece 0
Portugal 3, Rumania 0
Rumania 2, Switzerland 0
Greece 4, Portugal 2
Portugal 0, Switzerland 2
Greece 2, Rumania 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	3	2	1	3	2	4
Greece	3	1	1	6	5	3
Rumania	3	1	1	4	5	3
Portugal	3	1	2	5	6	2

GROUP TWO

Denmark 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Czechoslovakia 1, Denmark 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Czechs	2	2	0	4	0	4
Eire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	2	0	2	0	4	0

GROUP THREE

Wales 0, Italy 1
East Germany 2, Italy 2
East Germany 2, Wales 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	0	3	2	3
E. Germany	2	1	0	4	3	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP FOUR

Northern Ireland 4, Turkey 1
Turkey 0, Northern Ireland 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland	2	2	0	7	1	4
USSR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP FIVE

Sweden 5, Norway 0
France 0, Norway 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	1	1	0	5	0	2
Norway	2	1	1	1	5	2
France	1	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP SIX

Finland 1, Belgium 2
Yugoslavia 9, Finland 1
Belgium 6, Finland 1
Belgium 3, Yugoslavia 0
Yugoslavia 0, Spain 0
Spain 1, Belgium 1
Belgium 2, Spain 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	5	4	0	14	4	9
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	9	4	3
Spain	3	0	1	2	3	2
Finland	3	0	3	3	17	0

GROUP SEVEN

Austria 7, Cyprus 1
Austria 0, West Germany 2
Cyprus 0, West Germany 1
Scotland 2, Austria 1
Cyprus 0, Scotland 5
Scotland 1, West Germany 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	3	2	0	4	1	5
Scotland	3	2	0	8	2	5
Austria	3	1	2	8	5	2
Cyprus	3	0	3	1	13	0

GROUP EIGHT

Holland 2, Luxembourg 0
Bulgaria 2, Holland 0
Holland 4, Luxembourg 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	2	1	6	2	4
Bulgaria	1	1	0	2	0	2
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg	2	0	2	0	6	0

No matches yet played in the South American Groups (Ten, Eleven, Twelve).

GROUP THIRTEEN (A)

Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 0
Jamaica 1, Costa Rica 3
Honduras 3, Jamaica 1
Jamaica 0, Honduras 2
Honduras 1, Costa Rica 0
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	**4**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**7**
Costa Rica	4	2	1	7	3	5
Jamaica	4	0	2	2	11	0

GROUP THIRTEEN (B)

Guatemala 4, Trinidad 0
Trinidad 0, Guatemala 0
Trinidad 0, Haiti 4
Haiti 2, Trinidad 4
Haiti 2, Guatemala 0
Guatemala 1, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	4	3	1	9	5	6
Guatemala	4	1	1	5	3	4
Trinidad	4	1	2	4	10	3

GROUP THIRTEEN (C)

Surinam 6, Neth. Antilles 0
El Salvador 6, Surinam 0
Neth. Antilles 2, Surinam 0
El Salvador 1, Neth. Antilles 0
Neth. Antilles 1, El Salvador 2
Surinam 4, El Salvador 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	**4**	**3**	**1**	**10**	**5**	**6**
Surinam	4	2	2	10	9	4
N. Antilles	4	1	3	3	9	2

GROUP THIRTEEN (D)

Canada 4, Bermuda 0
Canada 4, USA 2
Bermuda 0, Canada 0
USA 1, Canada 0
USA 6, Bermuda 2
Bermuda 0, USA 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
USA	**4**	**3**	**1**	**11**	**6**	**6**
Canada	4	2	1	8	3	5
Bermuda	4	0	0	2	12	1

No matches yet played in Group Fifteen.

GROUP SIXTEEN (A)

Algeria 1, Tunisia 2
Tunisia 0, Algeria 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	**2**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Algeria	2	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (B)

Morocco 1, Senegal 0
Senegal 2, Morocco 1
Play-off:
Morocco 2, Senegal 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco	2	1	0	2	2	2
Senegal	2	1	0	2	2	2

GROUP SIXTEEN (C)

Libya 0, Ethiopia 2
Ethiopia 5, Libya 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ethiopia	2	2	0	7	1	4
Libya	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (D)

Zambia 4, Sudan 2
Sudan 4, Zambia 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Zambia	2	1	1	6	6	2
Sudan	2	1	1	6	6	2

(A play-off match is necessary.)

GROUP SIXTEEN (E)

Nigeria 1, Cameroons 1
Cameroons 2, Nigeria 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	**2**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**3**
Cameroons	2	0	1	3	4	1

(No matches yet played in section F.)

INTERNATIONAL CLUB FRIENDLIES

(Feb. 2): Millionarios De Bagota 2 (Gustich, Castano) First FC Vienna (Austria) 2 (Nemec, Weidinger) (in Bagota). (Feb. 6): Alianza Lima (0) 2 (Leon 2) Moscow Dynamo (1) 2 (Lenin pen., Sionin) (in Lima). Att. 30,000. (Feb. 7): Veracruz (Mexico) 3 Botafogo 2 (at Veracruz). Att. 30,000. (Feb. 7): Barcelona De Guayaquil (Ecuador) 0 Gornik Zabrze 2 (in Guayaquil). (Feb. 10): Moscow Dynamo (0) 2 (Evrutchkin 2) Vasco Da Gama (Brazil) (0) 0 (in Caracas). Att. 15,000.

FEBRUARY 9

Chaco For Ever (Argentina) (0) 0
Guarani (Paraguay) (3) 4
(Juarez 2, Vera, Ocampo)
15,000

Chaco For Ever: Villanueva; Obregon (Cassiet), Leme; Ebel (Scordo), Garcia, Bruno (Sandoval); Roger, Diaz, Olivera (Berta), Esquivel (Rous), Murgia.

Guarani: Alonso; Martinez, Sosa (F.) (Villagra); Ibaldi, Rojas (Taberelli), Bobadilla; Sosa (A.) (Ocampo), Vera, Juarez, Pavon, Quinones.

(at Resistencia)

FEBRUARY 10

Alianza Lima (1) 1 (Cubillas)
Corinthians (0) 1 (Borges)
(in Lima)

Alianza: Carrizo (Sanguinetti); Mazzo, Gonzalez; Zegarra (P.), Nagel, Guzman; Leon, Lugo, Cubillas, Baylon, Martinez (Rostaing).

Corinthians: Lula (Diogo); Lidu, Luis; Carlos; Dircen, Ditao, Maciel; Bene, Borges, Rivelinho, Tales (Adinam), Eduardo.

(Feb. 10): Deportivo Quito (Ecuador) 1 (Bartaine) Dukla Prague (Czech) 3 (Novak, Jaravinsky, Strunc) (at Quito). Att. 27,000.

Toluca players, including reserves, with coach Ignacio Trelles (left) during a training session at the Estudiantes stadium prior to the second leg of their encounter. (EW)

Edited by Michael Chandler

FEBRUARY 12

Deportivo Italia (Venezuela) (0) 1 (Alves) (in Caracas)
Vasco Da Gama (0) 0

Italia: Fassano; Tenorio, Urillo; Elmo, Fredy, Vicente; Almeida, Mateo, Naitti, Mendoza, Alves.
Vasco: Paulo; Ferreira, Brito; Ebervale, Bouglaux, Fernando; Nado, Asilson, Alcir, Ney, Benetti.

Universitario De Deportes (0) 2 (Muante, Mailetti)
Corinthians (3) 5 (Tales, Bene 3, Borges) (in Lima)

Universitario: Carrizo (Correa); Luna, Fuentes; Gonzalez, Lafuente, Champitaz; Munanate, Fernandez, Casaretto, Bailetti, Ramirez.
Corinthians: Diogo; Lidu, Ditao; Luis Carlos, Maciel, Dirceu; Borges, Tales, Bene, Rivelinho, Eduardo.

OTHER GAMES

Guatemala Select 0 Spartak Trnava 3 (in Guatemala, January). (Jan. 13): Millionarios De Bagota 0 Hungarian Olympic XI 2 (in Bagota). Att. 20,000. (Jan. 18): Independiente Santa Fe 2 Hungarian Olympic XI 5 (in Bagota). (Jan. 30): Sao Paulo (Brazil) 2 Hungarian Olympic XI 2 (in Sao Paulo). (Feb. 2): Atletico Minas Gerais (Brazil) 2 Hungarian Olympic XI 2 (in Belo Horizonte). (Feb. 7): Esporte Club Recife (Brazil) 3 Hungarian Olympic XI 3 (in Recife). (Feb. 2): Colombia Select 0 Goenik Zabrze 1 (in Medellin, Colombia). Goalscorer: Willim.

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

W/E MARCH 2

Italy: Atalanta 1, Pisa 1; Bologna 1, Fiorentina 1; Inter-Milan 0, Milan AC 1; Juventus 2, Varese 0; Vicenza 1, Cagliari 1; Napoli 0 Torino 0; Sampdoria 0, Roma 0; Verona 2, Palermo 0.

Belgium: La Gantoise 0, Racing White 0; Lierse SK 2, Anderlecht 1; Beveren 2, Malinois 0; Daring 0, Charleroi 2; Union St. Gilloise 1, FC Bruges 1; Standard Liege 3, St. Trond 1; Beringen 1, Beerschot 0; Waregem 2, Liege FC 1.

Hungary: Diosgyor 0, Vasus 3; Ujpest Dosza 2, Komlo 0; Ferencvaros 2, Egyetertes 0; Tatabanya 0, Honved 2; Pecs 1, Eger 1; Vasas Gyor 4, Danaujvaros 1; Salgatorjan 1, Szombathely 0; Csepel 2, MTK 1.

West Germany: Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Werder Bremen 1; Kaiserslautern 2, Borussia Monchengladbach 0; Eintracht Brunswick 1, VfB Stuttgart 2; Schalke 04 3, FC Koln 1; MSV Duisberg 0, Bayern Munchen 0; TSV 1860 Munchen 2, Kickers Offenbach 0; Alemannia Aachen 2, Hannover 96 0.

France: Sochaux 2, Rouen 0; Bastia 3, Valenciennes 0; Nimes 1, Monaco 1.

Spain: Cordoba 0, Sabadell 1; Malaga 0, Barcelona 3; Espanol 1, Real Sociedad 0; Elche 0, Pontevedra 0; Coruna 1, Valencia 2; Real Madrid 0, Atletico Madrid 0; Atletico Bilbao 2, Las Palmas 1.

Portugal: Uniao de Tomar 3, Sanjoanense 0; Benfica 0, Sporting 0; Porto 2, Guimaraes 1; Braga 1, Varzim 0; Belenenses 2, Atletico 1, Setubal 1, Leixoes 1; Academica 1, CUF 1.

East Germany: Chemie Leipzig 3, Wismut Aue 1; Dynamo Berlin 0, Magdeburg 1; Karl-Marx Stadt 0, Chemie Halle 0; Rot Weiss Erfurt 2, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Stahl Reisa 1, Union Berlin 0; Sachsenring Zwickau 1, Vorwaerts 0; Hansa Rostock 5, Lokomotive Leipzig 0.

Austria: Rapid Vienna 2, Austria Salzburg 0; Sportklub 3, Austria Wien 3; Donawitz 2, Wattens 1; Linz ASK 2, Wacker Wien 2; Admira 3, Schwartz-Weiss Bregenz 0; Wacker Innsbruck 4, Grazer AK 0.

Luxembourg: Beggen 5, Bad Mondorf 1; Jeunesse Esch 2, Spora 1; Niederkorn 3, Grevenmacher 3; Dudelingen 1, Red Boys 6; Rumelingen 1, Fola 1; Aris 2, Union 1.

Holland: DOS 0, Volendam 0; Ajax 2, Holland Sport 2; Fortuna/Sittardia 3, Telstar 0; Sparta 0, Twente 0; NAC 3, Feijenoord 1; Go Ahead 2, MVV 1; GVAV 2, DWS 2; ADO 0 PSV 0; AZ '67 3, NEC 0.

Greece: AEK 0, Olympiakos 1; AE Lemesos 1, Chalkis 0; Panionios 1, PAOK 0; Apollon 0, Panathinaikos 1; Aris 2, Ethnikos 1; Iraklis 1, Aigaleo 1; Weroia 1, Panseraikos 1; Trikala 1, Wysas 0; OF Iraklion 1, Pierikos 0.

Argentina: Metropolitan Championship: Inter-zonal match—Platense 1, Chacarita Juniors 2. **Zone A:** Boca Juniors 2, Atlanta 0; Banfield 3, Independiente 1; San Lorenzo de Almagro 5, Lanus 2; Gimnasia y Esgrima 3, Colon 0; Rosario 1, Velez Sarsfield 3. **Zone B:** Quilmes 1, Huracan 0; Moron 1, Newell's Old Boys 0; Racing 0, Los Andes 0; Argentinos 1, River Plate 2.

Switzerland: Bellinzona 1, Lausanne 1; Biel 1, Basel 1; Grasshoppers 0, Winterthur 1; Luzern 1, Young Boys 5; St. Gallen 0, Zurich 0; Servette 0, Lugano 1; Sion 2, La Chaux de Fonds 1.

W/E MARCH 9

Switzerland: Basel 1, Bellinzona 1; Biel 2, Luzern 1; Lausanne 4, Grasshoppers 1; Lugano 2, Young Boys 0; Winterthur 0, Sion 0; Zurich 3, Servette 0.

West Germany: FC Koln 1, Hertha BSC 0; Nurnberg 1, Schalke 04 1; Borussia Dortmund 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Kickers Offenbach 1, Hamburger SV 1; Werder Bremen 2, MSV Duisberg 1; Borussia Monchengladbach 3, TSV 1860 Munchen 0; Bayern Munchen 2, Eintracht Brunswick 1; VfB Stuttgart 3, Alemannia Aachen 1.

Hungary: Vasas 1, Salgotarjan 0; Honved 2, Ferencvaros 3; Egyetertes 0, Vasas Gyor 6; Csepel 0, Ujpest Dosza 2; Dunaujvaros 0, MTK 1; Pecs 1, Diosgyor 0; Szombathely 2, Tatabanya 1; Eger 0, Komlo 0.

Luxembourg: Red Boys 0, Aris Bonneweg 2; Spora 2, Rumelingen 1; Fola Esch 0, Dudelingen 2; Union 6, Niederkorn 1; Grevenmacher 0, Beggen 5; Bad Mondorf 0, Jeunesse Esch 2.

Italy: Cagliari 0, Juventus 1; Fiorentina 3, Vicenza 0; AC Milan 0, Atalanta 0; Napoli 1, Bologna 1; Pisa 1, Verona 1; Roma 0, Inter-Milan 3; Torino 3, Palermo 1; Varese 0, Sampdoria 0.

Spain: Atletico Madrid 1, Espanol 0; Valencia 2, Cordoba 2; Granada 1, Elche 0; Sabadell 1, Atletico Bilbao 1; Pontevedra 1, Malaga 0; Real Sociedad 1, Corunna 3. **Mid-week:** Real Zaragoza 6, Granada 0.

Yugoslavia: Vojvodina 2, Vardar 1; Celik 2, Dinamo Zagreb 0; Velez 1, Red Star 1; Partizan 4, Proleter 1; Maribor 1, Radnicki Nis 1; Zeleznicar 2, Olimpija 0; Zagreb 2, Bor 0; OFK Belgrade 1, Hajduk 1.

Austria: Austria Wien 2, Linz ASK 3; Grazer AK 2, Admira 2; Austria Salzburg 2, Wiener Sportklub 1; Wacker Wien 4, Austria Klagenfurt 1; Eisenstadt 2, Donawitz 0; Wattens 2, Sturm Graz 0; SW Bregenz 1, Rapid Vienna 0.

Belgium: Anderlecht 2, La Gantoise 3; FC Bruges 9, Daring 2; Beerschot 1, Standard 3; St. Trond 3, Union St. Gilloise 1; Racing White 2, Waregem 0; FC Liege 2, Beringen 0; Lierse

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Solis (Toluca) clears the danger in front of Conigliaro (Estudiantes, striped shirt) by sending the ball for a corner in the second game which Toluca won 2-1. (EW)

SOCCERTISTICS

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SK 2, Beveren 0; SK Charleroi 2, Malinois 0.

Aregntina: Inter-zonal match —Boca Juniors 1, River Plate 1. **Zone A:** Atlanta 1, Banfield 0; Independiente 2, Rosario 0; Velez 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Lanus 7, Chacarita Juniors 1; Colon 1, San Lorenzo 2. **Zone B:** Los Andes 1, Argentinos 1; Newell's Old Boys 1, Racing 1; Estudiantes 1, Moron 1; Huracan 2, Union 1; Platense 3, Quilmes 1. **Mid-week:** Union 1, Estudiantes 2.

Greece: Olympiakos 3, Trikala 0; Panathinaikos 1, Panionios 0; Wysas 1, PF Iraklion 1; Aigeleo 2, Weroia 1; Pierikos 5, Apollon 1; Panseraikos 2, Aris 0; PAOK 1, Iraklis 0; Ethnikos 5, AE Lemasos 0.

Poland: Ruch Chorzow 0, Polonia Bytom 0; Odra Opole 0, Gornik Zabrze 0; Legia Warsaw 1, Zaglebie Walbrzych 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1, Wisla Krakau 0; Stal Reszow 4, ROW Rybnik 0; Szombierki Bytom 2, GKS Katowice 1; Pogon Stettin 1, Slask Breslau 0.

Czechoslovakia: Spartak Trnava 2, Union Teplice 0; Slovan Bratislava 4, Slavia Prague 0; Banik Ostava 1, ZVL Zilina 0; Sparta Prague 1, Inter-Bratislava 0; Jednota Trencin 3, VSS Kosice 1; Lokomotive Kosice 2, VCHZ Pardubicex 0; Banska Bystrica 3, Dukla Prague 1.

Rumania: Arges Pitesti 0, Steaua Bucarest 2; Petrolul Ploiesti 0, Rapid Bucharest 2; Jiul Petroseni 2, Vaonul Arad 0; Universitatea Cluj 2, Dinamo Bacau 0; Farul Constanta 1, Crisul Oradea Mare 2; Progresul Bucharest 1, Politechnica Jassi 0; Dinamo Bucharest 4, ASA Tirgu-Mures 0; UT Arad 3, Universitatea 0, Craiova 0.

W/E MARCH 16

Switzerland: Bellinzona 5, Biel 1; Grasshoppers 2, Basel 2; Luzern 2, Lugano 1; St. Gallen 1, Winterthur 1; Servette 2, La Chaux de Fonds 2; Sion 1, Lausanne 1; Young Boys 1, Zurich 1.

France: St. Etienne 1, Marseille 0; Nantes 2, Lyon 1; Ajaccio 1, Valenciennes 1; Red Star 0, Nimes 2; Metz 2, Bastia 0; Bordeaux 3, Rennes 2; Monaco 1, Rouen 1; Sochaux 3, Nice 0; Sedan 1, Strasbourg 1.

Spain: Atletico Bilbao 1, Valencia 2; Coruna 3, Atletico Madrid 1; Espanol 0, Barcelona 0; Sabadell 1, Las Palmas 1; Malaga 0, Granada 0; Cordoba 1, Real Sociedad 1; Elche 0, Real Zaragoza 0; Real Madrid 2, Pontevedra 2.

Yugoslavia: Dinamo 4, Vardar 0; Hajduk 3, Zagreb 2; Olimpija 4, Maribor 1; Red Star 3, Celik 1; Sarajevo 1, Velez 0; Radnicki Nis 1, Rijeka 0; Bor 1, Partizan 1; Proleter 4, Zaleznicar 1; OFK Belgrade 1, Vojvodina 1.

West Germany: Schalke 04 3, Kickers Offenbach 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 1, FC Koln 2; VfB Stuttgart 3, Bayern Munchen 0; Hertha BSC 2, Nurnberg 0; TSV 1860 Munchen 2, Hanover 96 1; Alemannia Aachen 1, Kaiserslautern 0; MSV Duisberg 2, Borussia Dortmund 0. **Mid-week:** Hertha BSC 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Borussia Dortmund 0, Schalke 04 1; Borussia Monchengladbach 3, Hannover 96 2; Kickers Offenbach 4, Kaiserslautern 1.

Italy: Bologna 1, Atlanta 0; Cagliari 0, Roma 0; Inter-Milan 4, Pisa 0; Juventus 0, Torino 0; Vicenza 1, Milan 1; Palermo 2, Napoli 3; Sampdoria 1, Fiorentina 1; Verona 1, Varese 1.

Austria: Linz ASK 2, Austria Salzburg 0; Sturm Graz 0, Eisenstadt 0; Donawitz 3, Wacker Wien 1, Sportklub 2, SW Bregenz 0; Rapid Vienna 4, Grazer AK 1; Admira 4, Wacker Innsbruck 1; Austria Klagenfurt 0, Austria Wien 0.

Portugal: Guimaraes 2, Benfica 0; CUF 0 Porto 1; Sporting 3, Belenenses 2; Varzim 1, Setubal 1; Leixoes 3, Sanjoanense 0; Academica 4, Uniao de Tomar 0; Atletico 1, Braga 2.

Hungary: Ujpest Dosza 3, Dunaujvaros 1; MTK 2, Egyetertes 1; Tatabanya 0, Vasas 7; Ferencvaros 6, Szombathely 1; Vasas Gyor 0, Honved 1; Salgotarjan 1, Pecs 0; Komlo 1, Csepel 0; Diosgyor 2, Eger 0.

Holland: Fortuna/Sittardia 1, Volendam 1; Sparta 3, Holland Sport 0; NAC 4, Telstar 4; Go Ahead 4, Twente 0; GVAV 1, Feijenoord 2; ADO 1, MVV 0; AZ '67 0, DWS 0; PSV 3, NEC 1.

East Germany: Chemie Leipzig 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Dynamo Berlin 0, Wismut Aue 0; Karl-Marx Stadt 2, Union Berlin 2; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 4, Vorwaerts 0; Stahl Reisa 1, Lokomotive Leipzig 1; Sachsenring 1, Hansa Rostock 0. **Mid-week:** Chemie Halle 2, Chemie Leipzig 2; Wismut Aue 3, Magdeburg 1; Union Berlin 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; Vorwaerts 6, Stahl Reisa 1; Lokomotive Leipzig 1, Sachsenring Zwickau 0; Hansa Rostock 1, Dynamo Berlin 0.

Luxembourg: Aris Bonneweg 1, Fola Esch 2; Beggen 3, Union 1; Bad Mondorf 3, Spora 3; Jeunesse 2, Grevenmacher 0; Niederkom 0, Red Boys 4; Dudelingen 0, Rumelingen 0.

Belgium: Waregem 1, Anderlecht 2; Standard 5, FC Liege 0; Beringen 2, Racing White 0; La Gantoise 0, Lierse 0; Beveren 3, Charleroi 1; Malinois 1, FC Bruges 1; Daring 1, St. Trond 2; Union St. Gilloise 0, Beerschot 0.

Bulgaria: Tchernomores 1, CSKA 2; Levski-Spartak 3, Dunav 0; Spartak Pleven 2, Lokomotive Plovdiv 1; Beroe 3, ESK Slavia 0; Marek 1, Tchernomore 5; Trakia 2, Dobrudja 0; Akademik 1, Kraka 1.

Rumania: Steaua 2, Petrolul 1; Rapid 1, Universitatea Cluj 0; Vagonul 1, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Universitatea Craiova 1, Jiul 0; Politechnica Jassi 2, Arges 0; Crisul 1, UT Arad 1; Dinamo Bacau 2, Progresul 0; ASA Tirgu-Mures 1, Farul 0.

Poland: Gornik Zabrze 2, Ruch Chorzow 0; Slask 0, Odra 1; Wisla 2, Pogon 2; Zaglebie Walbrzych 0, Stal 1; ROW Rybnik 1, Szombierki 2.

Czechoslovakia: Pardubice 1, Spartak Trnava 1; Dukla Prague 1, Slovan Bratislava 2; Banska Bystrica 5, Banik Ostrava 0; Slavia Prague 3, Lokomotive Kosice 0; Union Teplica 4, Jednota Trencin 1; Inter-Bratislava 4, Zilina 1.

Greece: Aris 2, Panathinaikos 1; Panionios 1, Olympiakos 0; AE Lemasos 0, PAOK 2; AEK 1, Aigaleo 0; Apollon 3, Chalkis 0; Weroia 0, Pierikos 0; Iraklis 2, Wysas 2; OF Iraklion 0, Ethnikos 0; Trikala 3, Panseraikos 0.

W/E MARCH 23

Switzerland: Basel 2, Sion 2; Bellinzona 4, Luzern 1; Biel 4, Grasshoppers 1; La Chaux de Fonds 1, Young Boys 1; Lausanne 3, St. Gallen 0; Winterthur 3, Servette 0; Zurich 1, Lugano 3.

West Germany: Kickers Offenbach 1, Hertha BSC 0; Nurnberg 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Borussia Monchengladbach 3, Schalke 04 0; Borussia Dortmund 2, Eintracht Brunswick 1; Hannover 96 2, Hamburger SV 2; Werder Bremen 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Kaiserslautern 3, TSV 1860 Munchen 1; Bayern Munchen 1, Alemannia Aachen 1; FC Koln 1, MSV Duisberg 1.

Italy: Atalanta 0, Sampdoria 0; Fiorentina 1, Inter-Milan 0; AC Milan 4, Bologna 0; Napoli 1, Vicenza 0; Pisa 0, Juventus 0;

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Austria: Wacker Innsbruck 1, Rapid Vienna 0; Grazer AK 1, Sportklub 1; Austria Salzburg 0, Austria Klagenfurt 0; Austria Wien 6, Donawitz 1; Wacker Wien 3, Sturm Graz 1; Eisenstadt 2, Wattens 0; SW Bregenz 1, Linz ASK 0.

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Czechoslovakia: Spartak Trnava 4, Slavia Prague 0; Slovan Bratislava 0; Banska Bystrica 0; Lokomotive Kosice 0, Dukla Prague 4; Jednota Trencin 1, Pardubice 0; Zilina 2, VSK Kosice 0; Sparta Prague 1, SKLO Teplice 0.

Hungary: Vasas 2, Ferencvaros 2; Honved 0, MTK 0; Pecs 1, Tatabanya 0; Szombathely 1, Vasas Gyor 1; Diosgyor 2, Salgotarjan 1; Dunaujvaros 2, Komlo 1; Egyetertes 0, Ujpest Dosza 4; Eger 3, Csepel 0.

Spain: Valencia 0, Sabadell 0; Real Zaragoza 4, Malaga 0; Real Sociedad 2, Atletico Bilbao 0; Pontevedra 1, Espanol 0; Barcelona 4, Coruna 1; Atletico 1, Cordoba 2; Granada 0, Real Madrid 0; Elche 0, Las Palmas 0.

Portugal: Belenenses 1, Guimaraes 0; Benfica 1, CUF 0; Porto 0, Academica 1; Sanjoanense 1, Varzim 2; Braga 1, Sporting 4; Uniao de Tomar 2, Leixoes 0; Setubal 4, Atletico 0.

Belgium: Racing White 1, Standard 1; FC Liege 1, Union St. Gilloise 0; Beerschot 0, Daring 1; St. Trond 2, Malinois 1; FC Bruges 0, Charleroi 1; Lierse SK 2, Waregem 0; La Gantoise 1, Beveren 1; Anderlecht 2, Beringen 0.

Greece: Panseraikos 1, AEK 0; Apollon 0, Olympiakos 2; Panathiaikos 1, Weroia 0; Chalkis 2, OF Iraklion 1; Ethnikos 4, Trikala 0; PAOK 0, Aris 0; Aigaleo 7, AE Lemasos 0; Pierikos 2, Iraklis 0; Wysas 2, Panionios 0. **Mid-week:** Chalkis 1, AEK 1.

Rumania: UT Arad 1, Steaua 1; Crisul 3, Universitatea Craiova 1; ASA Tirgu-Mures 0, Rapid 1; Progresul 1, Vagonul 0; Jiul 0, Dinamo Bacau 0; Dinamo Bucharest 2, Arges 1; Petrolul 2, Farul 0; Universitatea Cluj 2, Politechnica Jassi 0.

Poland: Slask 0, Ruch Chorzow 2; Legia 1, Gornik 2; Pogon 0, GKS Katowice 0; Zaglebie Walbrzych 1, Polonia 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 2, ROW Rybnik 0; Szombierki 4, Stal 1; Odra 1, Wisla 0.

Argentina: Inter-zonal match —Banfield 1, Los Andes 0. **Zone A.** Boca Juniors 2, Rosario 0; Atlanta 3, Gimnasia 1; Independiente 2, San Lorenzo 0; Velez 2, Chacarita 2; Colon 2, Lanus 2. **Zone B:** Huracan 1, Racing 0; Platense 1, Moron 1; Quilmes 2, Union 0; Estudiantes 2, Argentinos 1.

Bulgaria: CSKA 4, Botev 0; Tchernomore 0, Levski/Spartak 0; Lokomotive 0, Trakia 0; Dunav 3, Akademik 2; Marek 3, Beroe 0; Krakra 4, Sparta 1; Dobrudja 2, Tchernomores 2.

East Germany: Union Berlin 1, Chemie Leipzig 1; Carl-Zeiss Jena 3, Magdeburg 1; Chemie Halle 2, Wismut Aue 2; Vorwaerts 5, Karl-Marx Stadt 1; Lokomotive Leipzig 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; Hansa Rostock 1, Stahl Riesa 0; Sachsenring Zwickau 1, Dynamo Berlin 2.

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Austria: Wattens 1, Wacker Vienna 1; Donawitz 0, Austria Salzburg 4; Linz ASK 0, Graz AK 0; Sturm Graz 1, Austria Wien 1; Austria Klagenfurt 0, SW Bregenz 0; Wiener Sportklub 5, Wacker Innsbruck 0.

Spain: Coruna 2, Pontevedra 0; Malaga 1, Elche 0; Sabadell 1, Real Sociedad 0; Cordoba 2, Barcelona 1; Eslanol 0, Granada 0; Real Madrid 2, Zaragoza 0.

West Germany: Hertha BSC 2, Borussia Monchengladbach 1; MSV Duisberg 1, Nurnberg 0; Schalke 04 4, Hannover 96 1; VfB Stuttgart 2, Borussia Dortmund 2; Hamburger SV 3, Kaiserslautern 1; Bayern Munchen 6, Verder Bremen 0; Alemannia Aachen 4, TSV 1860 Munchen 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Kickers Offenbach 2.

Yugoslavia: Red Star 1, Dinamo 3; Hajduk 2, Zeleznicar 1; Bor 4, Maribor 0; Proleter 0, Rijeka 0; Olympija 2, Velez 3; Radnicki 0, Celik 0; Sarajevo 0, Vardar 0; Zagreb 0, Vojvodina 1; Partizan 5, OFK Belgrade 0.

Switzerland: Grasshoppers 0, Bellinzona 0; Lugano 2, Chaux de Fonds 2; Lucerne 1, Zurich 5; Servette 2, Lausanne 1; Sion 1, Biel 1; St. Gallen 0, Basel 0; Young Boys 3, Winterthur 0.

Portugal: Sporting 0, Setubal 1; Atletico 4, Sanjoanese 0; CUF 1, Belenenses 1; Academica 0, Benfica 2; Porto 2, Uniao de Tomar 2; Guimaraes 5, Braga 0; Varzim 2, Leixoes 2.

Holland: NEC 2, DOS Utrecht 1; Volendam 0, Ajax 2; Holland Sport 3, Fortuna/Sittardia 0; Telstar 0, Sparta 1; Twente 1, NAC 1; Feijenoord 4, Go Ahead 0; MVV 0, GVAV 0; DWS 0, ADO 0; PSV 2, AZ '67 1.

Belgium: Standard 1, Anderlecht 1; Daring 0, FC Liege 1; Union St. Gilloise 4, Racing White 2; Beringen 1, Lierse 2; Beveren 2, FC Bruges 1; Malinois 1, Beerschot 1; Waregem 3, La Gantoise 2; Charleroi 1, St. Trond 0.

Bulgaria: ESK Slavia 2, CSKA 0; Levski-Spartak 1, Marek 0; Tchernomores 3, Lokomotive 1; Akademik 0, Tchernomore 2; Spartak 4, Dunav 1; Botev 4, Dobrudja 0; Trakia 5, Krakra 0.

Rumania: Progressul 1, Rapid 1; Dinamo Bucharest 4, Steaua 2; Arges 2, Jiul 0; Farul 1, Vagonul 0; UT Arad 2, Petrolul 0; Dinamo Bacau 1, ASA Tirgu-Mures 1; Universitatea Craiova 1, Universitatea Cluj 0; Politechnica Jassi 2, Crisul 0.

Hungary: Csepel 3, Dunaujvaros 0; MTK 0, Szombathely 0; Ujpest Dosza 3, Honved 3; Vasas Gyor 3, Vasas Budapest 0; Tatabanya 1, Diosgyor 1; Ferencvaros 2, Pecs 0; Komlo 0, Egyetertes 0; Salgotarjan 0, Eger 1.

Luxembourg: Spora 0, Dudelingen 2; Pumelingen 0, Aris 0; Fola 0, Niederkorn 1; Red Boys 2, Beggen 7; Union 1, Jeunesse Esch 1; Gravenmacher 0, Bad Mondorf 1.

France: Metz 0, Nimes 0; Nice 0, Nantes 0.

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

MARCH 12

England (1) 5 (Hurst 3, 2 pens., O'Grady, Lee) 85,000
France (0) 0

England: Banks; Newton, Cooper; Mullery, Charlton (J.), Moore; Lee, Bell, Hurst, Peters, O'Grady.

France: Carnus; Djorkaeff, Rostagni; Bosquier, Lemerre, Michel; Herbet, Bonnel, Loubet, Simon, Bereta.

MARCH 26

Switzerland (1) 1 (Bustillo) 10,000
Spain (0) 0

Switzerland: Prosperi; Ramseier, Perroud; Odermatt, Tacchella, Baumgartner;

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SOCCERTISTICS

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Brenna, Citherlet, Muller, Kuhn, Jeandupeux.

Spain: Sadurni; Torres, Videgany; Guedes, Gallego, Carabalzar, Claramunt, Grosso, Bustillo, Velazquez, Rojo.

West Germany (0) 1 (Muller G.)
Wales (1) 1 (Jones) 40,000

West Germany: Maier; Patzke, Vogts; Lorenz, Schulz, Hottges; Libuda, Ulaass (L. Muller), G. Muller, Held, Rebele (B. Dorfel).

Wales: Sprake; Thomas, Derrett; Powell, Hennessey, Hole; Jones, Toshack, Davies (R.), Durban, Rees.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

Scottish Football League XI (1) 1 (Wallace) 23,582
English Football League XI (1) 3 (Casper, Ball, Tambling)

Scottish XI: Cruikshank; Callaghan (W.), Mathiesen; Greig, McKinnon, Brogan; McLean (T.), Murdoch, Stein, Wallace, Cormack (Hall).

English XI: Bonetti; Smith (W.), Hughes; Osgood, McGrath, Oakes, Coates, Casper, Royle, Ball, Tambling.

UNDER 23 MATCH

Italy (1) 2 (Rief, Vieri) 10,000
Northern Ireland (1) 1 (Mullan)

Italy: Superchi; Roversi, Pasetti; Esposito, Nicoolai, Santarini; Gori, Vieri, Reif, Merlo, Chiaguri.

Ireland: McKenzie; Rice, Nelson; Todd, Hunter, O'Doherty; Hamilton, Johnstone, Gaston, Mullan, Morrow.

MARCH 29

East Germany (1) 2 (Vogel, Kreische) 65,000
Italy (0) 2 (Riva 2)

East Germany: Croy; Fraessdorf, Bransch; Koerner, Urbanczyk, Seehaus; Lowe, Noldner (Stein), Frenzel, Kreische, Vogel.

Italy: Zoff; Burgnich, Facchetti; Bertini, Salvadore, Castano; Prati, De Sisti, Rivera, Riva.

INTER-AMERICAN CUP

FEBRUARY 14

Toluca (Mexico) (1) 1 (Ruvalcava) (first-leg)
Estudiantes (2) 2 (Conigliaro, Bilardo)

Toluca: Lopez; Vantolra, Arevalo; Dosal, Solis, Oreco; Albino, Reynoso, Linares, Ruvalcava, Pereda.

Estudiantes: Poletti; Manera, Malbernat; Bilardo, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Flores, Ribaudo, Conigliaro, Pachame, Veron.

FEBRUARY 19

Estudiantes (1) 1 (Vernon) (second-leg)
Toluca (1) 2 (Pereda, Albino)

Estudiantes: Poletti; Manera, Malbernat; Bilardo, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Ribaudo, Pachame, Conigliaro, Flores, Veron.

Toluca: Lopez; Vantolra, Arevalo; Dosal, Solis, Oreco; Albino, Reynoso, Linares (Montalban), Romero, Pereda.

FEBRUARY 21

(play-off in Montevideo)

Estudiantes (2) 3 (Flores, Conigliaro 2)
Toluca (0) 0

Estudiantes: Poletti; Manera, Malbernat; Pachame, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Ribaudo (Echeenpar), Bilardo, Conigliaro (Aguilar), Flores, Veron.

Toluca: Lopez; Vantolra, Arevalo; Reynoso (Estrada), Solis, Oreco; Albino, Dosal, Linares, Romero, Pereda.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONS CUP

(Copa Libertadores de America) (First-Round)

GROUP 1:

(Feb. 23): Union Magdalena (Colombia) (1) 2 (Penaranda, Molina) Deportivo Cali (Colombia) (1) 2 (Loayza, Iroldo). Deportivo Italia (Venezuela) 2 Deportivo Canarias (Venezuela) 0.

FEBRUARY 26

Deportivo Canarias (0) 1 (Garcia)
Deportivo Cali (0) 1 (Loayza)

Canarias: Leiva; D'Suze, Antonio; Ovidio, Silva, Sanchez; Popovic (Martin), Anchetta, Angel, Cecilio, Vicente.

Cali: Ayala; Sanchez, Escobar; Agudelo, Lopez, Sanclemente; Lallana, Tovar (Gallego), Loayza, Yedica, Iroldo.

MARCH 1

Deportivo Italia (2) 2 (Alves, Niti)
Deportivo Cali (0) 1 (Desiderio)

Italia: Fasano; Tenorio, Morillo; Maravic, Freddy, Vicente; Mateo, Elmo, Wilson, Niti, Alves.

Cali: Ayala; Sanchez, Escobar; Agudelo, Lopez, Sanclemente; Iroldo, Desiderio, Loayza, Gallego, Lallana.

(Mar 2): Deportivo Canarias (1) 1 (Angel) Union Magdalena (0) 0. Att. 8,000.

MARCH 6

Deportivo Italia (0) 2 (Maravic, Niti) 7,900
Union Magdalena (0) 0

Italia: Fasano; Tenorio, Morillo; Elmo, Freddy, Vicente; Almeida, Maravic, Mateo, Niti, Alves.

Magdalena: Zayas; Palacio, Rubio; Vazquez, Toledo, Torres; Padilla, Carillo, Samaniego, Molinas, Penaranda.

MARCH 9

Deportivo Cali (1) 3 (Loayza 2, Gallegeo) 30,000
Union Magdalena (1) 1 (Arango)

Cali: Ayala; Sanchez, Agudelo; Sanclemente, Lopez, Bautista; Gallego, Desiderio, Loayza, Samboni, Iroldo.

Union: Zayas; Palacin, Toledo; Huguet, Manjarres, Torres; Vasquez, Molina, Samaniego, Arango, Penaranda.

(Mar. 9): Deportivo Italia (0) 1 (Maravic) Deportivo Canarias (1) 1 (Angel).

GROUP 2:

FEBRUARY 26

Valparaiso Wanderers (Chile) (2) 3 (Ferrero, Acevedo, Vallejos o.g.)
Universidad Catolica (Chile) (0) 1 (Isella)

Valparaiso: Olivares; Canelo, Herrera; Peralta, Cantatore, Ulloa; Ferrero, Acevedo, Griguol, Mendez, Osorio.

Catolica: Vallejos; Barrientos, Diaz; Sarnari, Adriazola, Laube; Varas, Isella, Tobar, Fouilloux, Dalem (Messen).

Sporting Cristal (Peru) (1) 3 (Gallardo 2, Gonzalez)
Juan Aurich De Chiclana (Peru) (2) 3 (Vallejos, Merino 2)

Sportina: Rubinos; Campos, Latorre; Wantuil, Mellan, Elias; Lobaton, Mifflin, Gallardo, Risco, Gonzalez.

J. Aurich: Mendoza; Gomez, Castrillon; Castaneda, Benitez, Vilches; Reyes, Merino, Vellejos, Ruiz, Mosquera.

MARCH 1

Sporting Cristal (1) 2 (Gallardo, Gonzales) 44,000
Valparaiso Wanderers (1) 1 (Ferrero)

Cristal: Rubinos; Campos, Latorre; Risco, Mellan, Elias; Nieri, Gonzalez, Gallardo, Pajuelo, del Castillo.

Wanderers: Olivares; Canelo, Herrera; Peralta, Cantatore, Ulloa; Ferrero, Acevedo, Griguol, Mendez, Osorio.

(Mar. 1): Juan Aurich de Chiclana (0) 2 (Orbegoso, Reyes) Universidad Catolica (2) 4 (Messen 2, Sarnari 2). Att. 44,000.

MARCH 6

Valparaiso Wanderers (1) 2 (Griguol 2) 25,000
Universidad Catolica (1) 3 Messen 2, Sarnari)

Valparaiso: Olivares; Canelo, Herrera; Peralta, Cantatore, Ulloa; Ferrero, Acevedo, Griguol, Mendez, Osorio (Alvarez).

Catolica: Vallejos; Barrientos, Diaz; Sarnari, Villaroel, Laube; Varas, Isella, Fouilloux, Messen, Delem (Livingstone).

(Mar. 6): Sporting Cristal (1) 2 (P. Gonzalez 2) Juan Aurich de Chiclana (1) 2 (Merino, Reyes). Att. 25,000.

GROUP 3:

(Feb. 13): Litoral (Bolivia) (0) 0 Cerro Porteno (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Mora). Bolivar (Bolivia) (0) 1 (Maldonado) Olimpia (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Paniagua). (Feb. 22): Bolivar 1 Litoral 1. Cerro Porteno (1) 2 (Gomez, Arrua) Olimpia (0) 1 (Irala).

MARCH 3

Cerro Porteno (0) 1 (Mora)
Bolivar (1) 1 (Coutinho)

Porteno: Villanueva; Santamaria, Mendoza; Jacques, Colman, Gavilan; Arrua, Mir, Quevedo, Mora, Irala.

Bolivar: Parraga; Cayo, Villareal; Tercilla, Rojas, Herbas; Bacutt, Grimaldo, Coutinho, Rada, Ciacia.

(Mar. 7): Olimpia 4 Bolivar 0.

MARCH 10

Cerro Porteno (4) 6 (Escobar, Irala, Mora, Jacques, Arrua, Mendosa)
Litoral (0) 0

Cerro: Villanueva (Zarracho); Santamaria, Enciso; Jacques, Gavilan, Mendoza; Arrua, Escobar, Sosa (Costa), Mora, Irala.

Litoral: Zamorano (Escalera); Solis (E.) (Pol), Solis (J.); Rocha, Balcazar, Vargas; Llado, Castellon, Arispe, Morales, Camacho.

GROUP 4:

FEBRUARY 23

Penarol (Uruguay) (1) 1 (Rocha) 62,000
Nacional (Uruguay) (1) 1 (Prieto)

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Varela; Goncalves, Figueroa, Matosas;

Barrie Jones of Cardiff, the Wales scorer in their international against West Germany. (Met)

Cortes, Rocha, Spencer, Onega (Rojas A.), Joya.

Nacional: Manga; Ubinas, Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Ramos; Cubilla, Ramos, Mancino (Techera), Prieto, Esparrago.

Deportivo Quito (Ecuador) (1) 1 (Barreto)
Barcelona de Guayaquil (Ecuador) (0) 0

Deportivo: Aguerre; Utreras, Valencia; Garrido, Alvarado, De los Santos; Bataine, Morales, Barreto (Bagnuoli), Alava, Contreras.

Barcelona: Phoju; Quijano, Macias; Cardenas, Lecaro, Menendez; Hurtado (Malagon), Garcia, Lasso, Noriega, Espinosa.

FEBRUARY 26

Deportivo Quito (0) 0 25,000
Nacional (0) 0

Deportivo: Aguerre; Utreras, Valencia; Garrido, Alvarado, De los Santos; Contreras, Morales, Barreto, Alava, Bataine.

Nacional: Manga; Ubinas, Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Alvarez; Cubilla, Prieto, Celio, Morales, Esparrago.

Barcelona de Guayaquil (0) 0 40,000
Penarol (1) 2 (Onega, Spencer)

Barcelona: Phoyu; Quijano, Macias; Moacyr, Lecaro, Ponce de Leon; Munoz (Hurtado), Noriega, Lasso, Cardenas, Espinosa.

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Varela; Goncalves, Figueroa, Matosas; Abeddie (Vieira), Onega, Spencer, Cortes, Joya.

MARCH 2

Deportivo Quito (1) 1 (Barreto)
Penarol (0) 1 (Rocha) 50,000

Deportivo: Aguerre; Utreras, Valencia; Garrido, De los Santos, Alvarado; Bataine, Alava, Barreto, Morales, Contreras.

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Varela; Goncalves, Figueroa, Matosas; Onega (Abeddie), Rocha, Spencer, Cortes, Joya.

(Mar. 2): Barcelona de Guayaquil (1) 1 (Espinosa) Nacional (0) 1 (Prieto). Att. 40,000.

(Mar. 9): Barcelona de Guayaquil (0) 0 Deportivo Quito (0) 0.

MARCH 9

Nacional (1) 2 (Cubilla, Morales)
Penarol (0) 2 (Joya 2) 60,000

Nacional: Degliotti; Ubinas, Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Alvarez; Esparrago, Prieto, Mancino, Cubilla, Morales.

Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Varela (Caetano); Goncalves, Figueroa, Matosas; Abeddie, Rocha, Spencer, Cortes, Joya.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB FRIENDLIES

(Feb. 7): Alianza (Lima) 2 Moscow Dynamo 2. Att. 30,000. Mid-West Nigeria 1 Santos 2. Varese 3 Olympique GC Nice 1.

(Feb. 8): Dynamo Moscow 2 Vasco Da Gama 0 (in Caracas). Hearts of Oak (Ghana) 2 Santos 2 (in Accra). Barcelona de Guayaquil 0 Gornik Zabrze 2 (in Ecuador). Deportivo Quito 1 Dukla Prague 3.

(Feb. 11): Deportivo Quito 1 Gornik Zabrze 3. Casablanca Select 1 Hungarian Select 4. Hansa Rostock 0 KB Copenhagen 1. Carl Zeiss Jena 0 Lokomotive Mezdra (Bulgaria) 0. Sachsenring Zwickau 1 ROW Rybnik (Poland) 2.

FEBRUARY 12

Israel (0) 0
Aarau (Switzerland) (0) 0

Israel: Vogel; Amira, Ben Naton; Toppolinsky, Esra, Darchi; Admoni, Rubinstein, Onana, Calderon, Cohen.

Aarau: Ruffi (Richner); Brugger, Schibler; Fischbach, Blum, Siehrenberger; Wuest, Schobner, Brendle (Fuchs), Walz, Meier.

(Feb. 13): Jalisco State Select (Mexico) (1) 1 (Delgado) Botafogo (0) 2 (Waltencir, Gerson). Att. 20,000. Leon (Mexico) (3) 3 (Lopez, Mata, Araya) Hungarian Olympic XI (0) 0.

FEBRUARY 15

Bolivar (0) 0
Argentina Select (3) 4 (Salomone, Aguirre, Veglio, Fischer)

Bolivar: Soliz; Cayo, Rojas; Modesto, Valenzuela, Rivero; Ciacia, Arredondo, Coutinho, Tercilla, Maldonado.

Argentina: Andrada; Prefumo, Aguerre; Basile, Lopez, Gallo; Fischer, Rulli, Salomone, Miniitti, Veglio.

(Feb. 15): Alianza 1 Dukla Prague 3. Universitario Sporting Lima 2 Red Star Belgrade 7. Alajuelense San Jose (Costa Rica) 2 Gornik Zabrze 3. Csepel (Hungary) 2 Admira Wien (Austria) 1. Bulgarian XI 3 Moscow Torpedo 0 (in Sofia).

FEBRUARY 16

River Plate (2) 2
Spartak Bratislava (1) 2

River: Carballo; Ferreiro, Dominichi; Rodriguez, Raira (Lopez), Gurman (Vicitez); Gutierrez, Montivero (Silva), Onega (D.) (Marchetti), Fernandez, Mas.

Spartak: Koubo (Kramerius); Tenner, Migas; Taborsky, Chovanek, Bouska; Masek, Vesely (Dyba), Kvasnak, Jurkanin, Vrana.

FEBRUARY 18

Leon (Mexico) (0) 0
Botafogo (Brazil) (0) 1 (Rogerio)

Leon: Miranda; Santillan, Barajas; Estrada, Luza, Garcia; Lopez, Araya, Enriquez, Fuentes, Gil.

Botafogo: Cao; Morera, Waltencir; Carlos Roberto, Ze Carlos, Leonidas; Ferretti, Gerson, Jairzinho, Rogerio, Paulo Cesar.

(Feb. 19): Nacional (0) 1 (Garcia) Spartak Bratislava (1) 1 (Masek).

FEBRUARY 20

Gimnasia Y Esgrima De La Plata (Argentina) (1) 2 (Onis, pen., Loyacono)
Guarani (Brazil) (1) 1 (Abilio)

Gimnasia: Gatti; Bordon, Fernandez; Zwyica, Maglinlo, Masnik; Onis, Comesana, Diaz, Loyacono, Castiglia.

Guarani: Plinio; Selmar, Mansur; Walter, Osmar, Danubio; Tonino, Carlinho, Abilio, Nilton (Machado), Saul.

(Feb. 20): Cartagines San Jose (Costa Rica) 0 Gornik Zabrze 2. Alianza 2 Red Star 1. Sport Boys Callao (Costa Rica) 0 Dukla Prague 1. Nacional 1 Sparta Prague 1. Hong Kong 1 BK Odense 1.

(Feb. 21): Universidad Catolica (2) 4 (Delem 2, Samart 2) Rampla Juniors (Uruguay) (0) 0. Att. 6,300. Penarol (1) 1 Sportak Bratislava (0) 2 (Masek, Vrana). Millionarios FC (Bagota, Colombia) (0) 2 (Ferrero, Gustich) Russia (1) 2 (Gershkovits 2).

(Feb. 22): Anderlecht 3 Rapid Vienna 0. Jerez Industriel 3 Randers Freja 2. Alajuelense San Jose 0 Dukla Prague 3 (Strunc 2, Hurec).

FEBRUARY 23

Sporting Cristal (0) 0
Russia (0) 0

Sporting: Rubinos; Campos (Velasquez), Elias; Mifflin, Mellan, La Torre; Lobaton, Wantuil, Gallardo (Pajuelo), Risco, Gonzalez.

Russia: Psenitchnikov; Ponomarev, Janets; Muntjan, Shesternev, Kaplitschni; Metreveli (Gershkovits), Kinsler, Byshovets (Sagarov), Lyssenko (Esakov), Abduraimov.

(Feb. 23): Saprissa (Costa Rica) 1 Gornik Zabrze 3.

(Feb. 25): Herediano (Costa Rica) 2 (Daniels, Wanchope) Gornik Zabrze 1 (Willim).

(Feb. 28): San Salvador Select 0 Dukla Prague 2. Algeria 4 Pardubice 0. Vasco da Gama (0) 0 Russia (0) 1 (Gershkovits). Att. 100,000.

MARCH 1

Rivadavia (Necoches, Argentina) 1 (Gomez)
Guarani 2 (Abilio 2)

Action from the Fairs Cup match between Vittoria Setubal and Newcastle United in Portugal.

Rivadavia: Marques; Amorena (Haedo), Paris; Clerici, Grandi, Sola (Acosta); Caputo, Puglisi, Gomez, Biscayaaqui, Lima.

Guarani: Nilson; Selmar, Mansur; Carlinho, Danubio, Vilmar; Tonino, Walter, Abilio, Machado (Nilton), Saul.

(Mar. 2): Mexican Cup Final: Cruz Azul 0 (0) 2 (Guerrero, Flores) Monterrey (0) 1 (Ubijara)—after extra-time.

MARCH 3

Atletico Mineiro (2) 2 (Dario 2)
Russia (1) 1 (Metreveli) 55,000

Russia: Psenitchnikov; Ponomarev, Dsodsuaschvili; Chumakov, Shesternev, Kaplitschni; Metreveli, Muntjan, Gershkovits, Abduraimov, Smolnitski.

(Mar. 6): Colo Colo (Chile) (2) 4 (Valdes, Zarate, Rodriguez, Reinoso) Russia (4) 5 (Esakov, Gershkovits 2, Abduraimov 2). Bulgarian Select (1) 3 (Kotkov pen., Shekov, Bonev) East Germany Select (1) 1 (Frenzel). Sochaux (2) 4 (Lech 2, Terrier, Schmidt) La Chaux De Fonds (0) 1 (Wulf).

(Mar. 11): California Clippers 1 Dynamo Kiev 0. Att. 11,500.

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Bayern Munchen (1) 4 (Brenninger 2, Starek, Jung) 9,000

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Bayern: Maier; Kupferschmidt, Pumm; Roth, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck; Ohlhauser, Schmidt, Muller, Starek (Lippert), Brenninger.

(Mar. 16): Ajax 2 (Cruyuff, Keizer) TSV 1860 Munchen 0.

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